



ST FRANCIS XAVIER ARMADALE

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PARISH TEAM

Fr Mark Baumgarten - *Parish Priest*
Deacon Patrick Moore
Deacon Errol Lobo
Mrs Karen Daubney - *Parish Secretary*
Mrs Julie Bogoni - *Parish Secretary*
Mrs Helen Chew - *Parish Finance Officer*
Ms Helen Lesniak - *Chi Rho Coordinator*

WEEKEND MASSES

ST FRANCIS XAVIER- Hilbert

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am and 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

Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm
Saturday 8.30am to 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert

Saturday 8.30am—9.00am & 5.00pm—5.45pm
Sunday 5.15pm—5.45pm

ST KEVIN— Serpentine

First Sunday of the Month after 9am Mass

BAPTISMS / MARRIAGES

By appointment please contact the office.

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 7.15pm - 8.15pm Silent Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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02/03 DECEMBER 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT— YEAR B

READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Antiphon to the Psalm:

Psalm 79(80):2-3, 15-16, 18-19

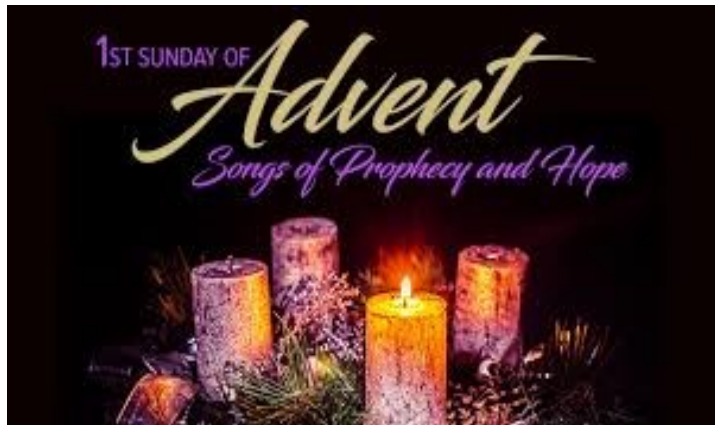
**Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.



Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 84:8

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

24:7 ARMADALE YOUTH GROUP

ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 7PM
ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

JOIN US ON THE PERILOUS TRIP AS WE FOLLOW MARY & JOSEPH TO BETHLEHEM SO JESUS CAN BE BORN! GET READY FOR DANGER, CHALLENGES, PROBLEMS TO SOLVE, AND MANY CRAZY CHARACTERS ALONG THE WAY!

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE
& A FRIEND TO BRING ON THE JOURNEY!

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT JEROME 0468 695 932

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, 04 December - St John Damascene

Tuesday, 05 December -

01.30pm - Advent Group

04.00pm - Chi Rho Teens Final Session 2023

05.30pm - Legion of Mary

Wednesday, 06 December - St Nicholas

08.30am - Rosary

09.30am - Adoration

06.00pm - RCIA

Thursday, 07 December - St Ambrose

06.00pm - Baptism Preparation

07.30pm - Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, 08 December - The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

08.30am - Rosary

07.00pm - Catholic Charismatic Renewal

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Please pray for 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 required.*

DEATH & ANNIVERSARY: Prayers this week will be offered for Jennifer Cook, Gloria Ann Taylor, Ronald Cranenburgh, Jean Foy, Richard Oliver, Jim Preedy, Michele Trichilo, Lucia Bertinat, Faye Robinson, Paul Mridha, Rosie Thi Thi Swe, Dominic Pellegrino, Roland (Roley) White, James Hogg, Jakov Zubac, Doreen Rebeiro, Vincent Sta Maria, John Foy 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.

All Welcome!

CHRISTMAS EVE 24TH DECEMBER

6.30pm Family Mass

Nativity play and carols will start at 6pm

7.00pm Outdoor Mass at Serpentine

St Kevin's, Richard Street, Serpentine

Carols start at 6.30pm. Please bring a chair.

9.00pm Vigil Mass

Carols start at 8.30pm.

12.00am Midnight Mass

Carols start at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER

7.30am Christmas Mass

9.30am Christmas Mass



St Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Armadaale Parish

279 Forrest Road, Hilbert

Telephone: 9399 2143



WELCOME AND THANK YOU: To **Fr Grant and Fr Garner** who will be assisting with the Masses this weekend.

YEAR B: This weekend we begin a new liturgical year, and will be using Sunday Cycle B, weekday cycle 2.

RECONCILIATION AT ST KEVIN'S: Confession will be available after Mass this Sunday.

STAINED-GLASS PROJECT UPDATE: A huge thank you to all those who contributed to our stained-glass project fundraiser: through your generosity we have reached our target, and the order is now underway. Our hope is that the new windows will be installed in time for Holy Week next year!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This Sunday during 9.30am Mass in the parish meeting room. **Please note that next Sunday 10 December will be our last session for 2023.**

FAREWELL TO OUR STUDENTS: Congratulations to the students at our parish schools who are celebrating their graduation this week. As the school year comes to a close, we wish all our staff, students and their families a safe and happy Christmas holiday season.

SEEK, JOURNEY AND REJOICE IN THE COMING OF OUR LORD: Advent groups continue this week. There is still time to join a group, just come along and bring a friend!

- **Tuesday:** Parish Office 1.30pm
- **Wednesday:** Mundijong 10am

CHI RHO TEENS: Our final session for the year will be this **Tuesday 5 December at 4pm** in the meeting room. *Chi Rho Teens will recommence in the 2nd week of term one in 2024.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE: A reminder to members the meeting is this **Thursday at 7.30pm.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION: A reminder to families who would like their children baptised in the next couple of months, the meeting is **this Thursday at 6pm.**

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL: Please join us in Xavier House for Praise and Worship at **7pm this Friday.** A great way to meet other families in the parish. All welcome!

24:7 YOUTH: Join us **next Sunday at 7pm** for our FINAL GATHERING FOR 2023 as we follow in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary as they travel the difficult road to Bethlehem. *Please bring a friend for the journey and a plate of food to share!*

MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR: If anyone is interested in joining the choir at the **Midnight Mass**, please come to our weekly practice sessions on **Tuesdays at 7.30pm** in the church.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PLAY: Thank you to those families who attended the meeting on Saturday morning to register your interest. *If you did not attend and your child would like to participate in the nativity play at 6pm on Sunday, 24 December please call Carol 0409 826 145.* Rehearsals will be held on **Saturdays 9 & 16 December at 10.30am.** Full dress rehearsal will be held on **Saturday 23 December at 10.30am.** *Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.*

PIETY STALL: Advent & Christmas items are now available and orders are being taken for larger gifts. We can now do direct deposit for items. Banking details are as follows: **Account name:** Armadale Parish – Piety Stall Account **BSB** 086 006 **Account number:** 915971809 **reference:** Piety (your surname)

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday 14 December at 7pm.** Several priests will be available. *Individual confession is also available every Saturday at 8.30am & 5pm and on Sunday evening at 5.15pm.* Come along and prepare well for Christmas!

BUSY BEE THANKYOU! A big thank you to all the people who came along last Saturday to help make our church sparkle for Christmas. *May God bless you all!*

VINNIES GIVING TREE: To all the wonderful people who have taken a star or envelope from our Giving Tree, Thank you so much! In order to deliver these gifts in time for Christmas, we ask that **sometime in the next week, you could place your gift in the box under the tree**, or the envelope in the St Vincent De Paul box at the back of the church. If you're still thinking about it, it's not too late! *Your generosity is very much appreciated.*

GOD'S WORD 2024: Includes daily readings and a short reflection and would make a great Christmas gift. **On sale in the foyer at \$20 each.** *Please return the envelope provided with the money in one of the collection baskets or to the parish office during office hours.*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS: **Start your Advent Preparation today!** Copies of 'Incarnate' are on sale in the foyer for \$5. *Please return payment in the envelope provided to the parish office or pop into a collection box.*

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Thank you to the Altar Preparation Team and the Young Adults Group for assisting with decorating our Church for Advent.

THE RECORD MAGAZINE: The December edition featuring Archbishop Costelloe's Christmas message is available free from the foyer.

FORMED: FORMED brings beautiful and faithful Catholic content to families, and individuals. There is something for everyone here: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming, including a new series called **The Catholic Parent.** Check out **formed.org** There are still places available for those wishing to sign up, please contact the parish office by calling 9399 2143 or email **armadale@perthcatholic.org.au**

EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE: There are many events happening around the Archdiocese in the lead up to Christmas, please check the noticeboard for details.



Advent Reconciliation

Everyone is invited to celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on **Thursday, 14 December at 7pm.**

Individual confession is available every Saturday from **8.30am to 9.00am** and **5pm to 5.45pm** and Sundays **5.15pm to 5.45pm.**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Pre-Christmas Brunch

17 December 2023

After the 9.30am Mass

Betty Knight Hall

This year we will be having a special cake to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

Santa will not be visiting with gifts.

Cost \$10 per adult

School aged children eat free

TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Please be part of our Nativity play at the Vigil Mass on Sunday, 24 December at 6pm.

Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays 9, 16 & 23 December at 10.30am

Children aged 5 - 12 years are invited!

To register interest or for more information, please call Carol on 0409 826 145 or Helen on 0429 312 831



ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Christmas is approaching and Vinnies hope to provide gift cards for a special Christmas Meal and children's presents for at least 60 of the neediest families in our local community.

You can support them by:

- Buying Christmas Cards at 5 for \$3.50, part proceeds will go towards helping even more needy people in an Indian Conference area. 2023 calendars will also be on sale for \$8.50.
- Take a card or envelope decoration from the Gifting Christmas Tree in the church foyer. On it will be written a boy or girl's age. Please purchase a suitable present to the value of \$30 and return by 4 December.
- As an alternative gift cards or cash donations to purchase presents would be welcome. Donations even the smallest amount, can at any time be put in the Vinnies' boxes at the rear of the church.

If you know anyone who needs emergency assistance suggest they phone 1300 794 054 between 9am—1pm Monday to Friday. Requests will be passed on to members. All information is treated as confidential.

Together we can make a difference!



Registrations NOW OPEN!!!
Visit: www.wayoungsalesians.com

Our Parish Safeguarding Officers:

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SMITHA EMPRAYIL 0422 364 078
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WENDY MONGAN 0429 977 887

Email: sgo.armadale@perthcatholic.org.au

St Francis Xavier Parish is committed to the fundamental belief that all children, young people and vulnerable adults have the right to feel safe at all times.



XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

As we draw near to the end of Term 4, I would like to thank our students for all their hard work, the staff for their dedication and commitment to a supportive learning environment and finally, to all our families for their continued support throughout the year. It has been a very productive year at Xavier with so much to be thankful for.

This week, the school held its Carols Night for all students in Pre Kindy to Year 6. This was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and join in celebrating the Christmas season. The school also gave thanks to our departing staff and students at the St Francis Xavier Feast Day Mass. Our P&F provided various activities for all grades in celebrating the day.

The school recently held its Annual General Meeting in which we acknowledged the work of so many in enabling the school to continue its improvement journey across a multitude of areas.

Congratulations to Simone Rist (staff) who was our last MJR Award recipient for 2023.

Next week, we celebrate and give thanks to the 52 Year 6 students who will graduate from Xavier, for what they and their families have given to this community during their time at the school.

I would like to wish the school and parish communities a very safe, happy and Holy Christmas season.

Travis Bienkowski
Principal



DEC 17, 2023

1:30PM to 4:30PM

Schoenstatt Shrine
9 Talus Dr, Mt Richon

Girls aged 8 - 11

SCHOENSTATT MOVEMENT



ADVENT GET-TOGETHER

INCLUDES FAITH AND FUN ACTIVITIES
PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE FOR AFTERNOON TEA

REGISTER/INQUIRIES

SR M LUKA

srluka@schoenstatt.org.au

0439 537 843

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Everyone is invited to spend some time with Jesus as we prepare to celebrate the great gift of His Incarnation.



Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm
Saturdays 8.30am to 9am