



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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09/10 DECEMBER 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT— YEAR B

READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Antiphon to the Psalm:

Psalm 84(85):9-14

**Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.**

Second Reading:

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

THE Faith CANDLE

Also known as the Bethlehem Candle, this second candle of Advent signifies the journey of Joseph and Mary to the City of David.

But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.

—Micah 5:2

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



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, 11 December - St Damasus I

Tuesday, 12 December - Our Lady of Guadalupe

01.30pm - Advent Group

05.30pm - Legion of Mary

Wednesday, 13 December - St Lucy

08.30am - Rosary

09.30am - Adoration

06.00pm - RCIA

07.30pm - KSC Executive Meeting

Thursday, 14 December - St John of the Cross

07.00pm - Advent Reconciliation

Friday, 15 December -

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 Lani Kaszanski, Josephine Meyrick, Albert Greening, Audrey Elliott, John Foy, Juan Edgar De La Torre, John Mackie, Dawn Trowbridge, Roland Taylor, Jennifer Cook 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.

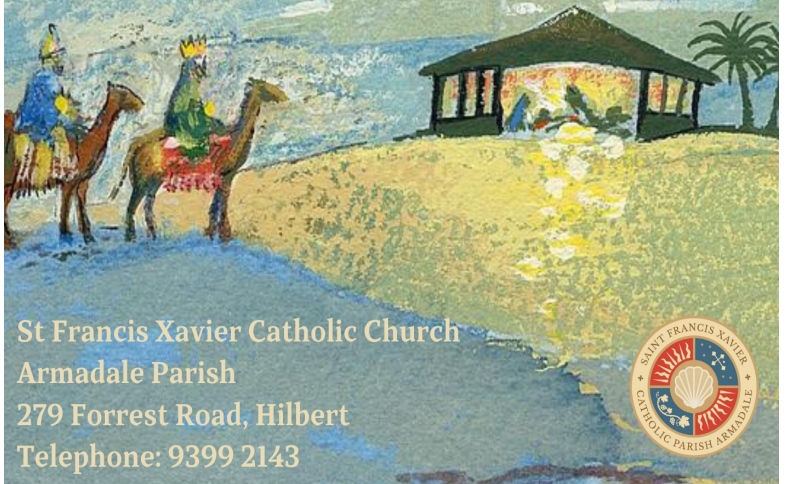
12.00am Midnight Mass

Carols start at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER

7.30am Christmas Mass

9.30am Christmas Mass



St Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Armada Parish

279 Forrest Road, Hilbert

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

- ◆ **Elouise Kearsley**, daughter of Daniel and Catherine Kearsley.
- ◆ **Isabella Marie Octaviano Bartolome**, daughter of Mark and Camella Bartolome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Our best wishes to Dcn Errol who celebrates his birthday this week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Our best wishes to our lovely Bridget Darwin who celebrates her 90th birthday on Friday.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This Sunday during the 9.30am Mass in the meeting room. This is the **last session for 2023**. A *children's retreat day will be held in January, please look out for details in the bulletin*. Thankyou to the fantastic group of Sunday Catechists and to the families for their support throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS: *The sign-up sheets for the roster for the Christmas Masses is available in the foyer of the church. It is vital we have sufficient volunteers to assist with the extra Masses. Kindly, add your name to the list if you are available to help in one of the following areas: Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers, Hospitality, Ushers and Carpark attendants. We thank each one of you for your service through-out the year.*

24:7 YOUTH: Join us this **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!*

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 season of Advent is a perfect time for spiritual renewal through encountering God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. The parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held this Thursday 14 December at 7pm.* There will be a number of priests available. *Individual confession is available every Saturday at 8.30am & 5pm and on Sunday evening at 5.15pm.* Come along and prepare well for Christmas! **Other times for the 2nd Rite are available at neighbouring parishes:**

- ◇ **Kelmscott:** Tuesday 12 December at 7pm
- ◇ **Gosnells:** Wednesday 13 December at 7pm
- ◇ **Thornlie:** Tuesday 19 December at 7pm

SCHOOLS OUT! Thank you to the Principals and staff of our parish schools for their support during the year. *Wishing all staff, students and their families all the joy of Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. Please note the parish office closes at 12.30pm during the school holidays.*

CHRISTMAS FAMILY BRUNCH: All parishioners are invited to join us for our Annual Christmas Family Brunch on **Sunday, 17 December** after the 9.30am Mass in the Betty Knight Hall. Cost is \$10 per person, school aged children eat free. **Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend and at the parish office until Wednesday 13 December.**

SUNDAY MORNING TEA: *A reminder that there will be no morning tea next weekend due to the Family Brunch. The roster for 2024 will be drawn up soon, new helpers are required! Please contact the office if you are able to assist.*

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!

PARISH POST BOX: *The Parish Christmas Post Box is now available in the foyer - to enable you to post Christmas cards to your friends in the parish. Please write names clearly and in full so that your card may reach the intended recipient.* Also please remember to check whether there are any cards waiting for you!

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.**

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.*

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP: Archbishop Costelloe has issued a pastoral letter to the faithful of Perth regarding the implementation of Pope Francis' directives regarding the Traditional Latin Mass. Copies are available in the foyer, or it can be read online at: https://perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Latest_News-Pastoral_Letter_Traditionis_Custodes.htm



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
AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE UNTIL
WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve Nativity & Carols

NATIVITY REHEARSALS

Rehearsal: 16 December 10.30am - 11.30am

Full Dress Rehearsal: 23 December 10.30am - 12pm
Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER - PLEASE ARRIVE BY 5.30PM

PLAY & CAROLS COMMENCE AT 6PM - MASS 6.30PM

Please contact Carol on 0409 826 145



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD

A reminder that all Acolytes | Catechists | Children's Liturgy | EMHC Ministers: Ministry to the Sick | Youth Leaders | Altar Servers 18+ are required to hold a **current Working With Children Card**. Please check your expiry and renew online. If you do not hold a current WWC card, you are unable to assist with your ministry until the office is in receipt of your valid card.

All volunteers are required to sign Safeguarding Personal Declaration Form. These are available in the foyer, please read the handbook, complete, sign and return to the parish office.

ONLINE Safeguarding Induction

For any parish volunteer who has not yet attended a course, Level 1 for Church Workers (paid/unpaid) in your parish. The dates of online courses are as follows:

- 24 January at 10am 6 February at 7pm
- 14 February at 7pm 22 February at 7pm
- 22 February at 7pm 27 February at 7pm
- 06 March at 7pm 14 March at 2pm
- 22 March at 10am 26 March at 7pm

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

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Armadale Parish and the Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish you can discuss it with a Parish Safeguarding Officer.



ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE

In our ninth year at St John Bosco College, we have had many joyful, wonderful opportunities for our Bosco students, staff and community and look forward to our milestone tenth year in 2024. Recently, we celebrated the 80th Birthday of Sister Lisette in our Staff Retreat in fine style with plenty of joyous laughter. In our final week, we have had some amazing celebrations, including our Secondary Bosco Awards Evening, our Year 6 Graduation Mass celebrated by Father Mark and Deacon Errol, our Year 6 Awards and our Christmas Carols and Nativity Play on Wednesday evening was a great way to conclude the year.

Reflecting on the challenges and joyous celebrations we have had this year, I feel very blessed to work with a team of professional and nurturing staff, talented students and committed parents who have combined their talents to create a truly unique learning community at St John Bosco College.

Thank you to the sacramental teams of Xavier CPS, Salvado Catholic College and Chi Rho for working so collaboratively and generously with the Bosco Team in the preparation of the sacraments. Thank you to Father Mark, Deacon Errol, Sister Lisette and the team at St Francis Xavier and the Parish Community for all the support and guidance you continue to give to us. We look forward to an exciting partnership in 2024, in our tenth year at St John Bosco College, with over 1200 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 11. The Team at St John Bosco wish you a peaceful and joyous Advent Season, as we look forward to celebrating the Birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Yours in Christ
Kevin Sheehy
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

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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