



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER ARMADALE

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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](http://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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16/17 DECEMBER 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT— YEAR B

## READINGS

### First Reading

*Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;  
to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.  
'I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.  
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

### Antiphon to the Psalm:

*Luke 1:46-50,53-54*

**My soul rejoices in my God.**

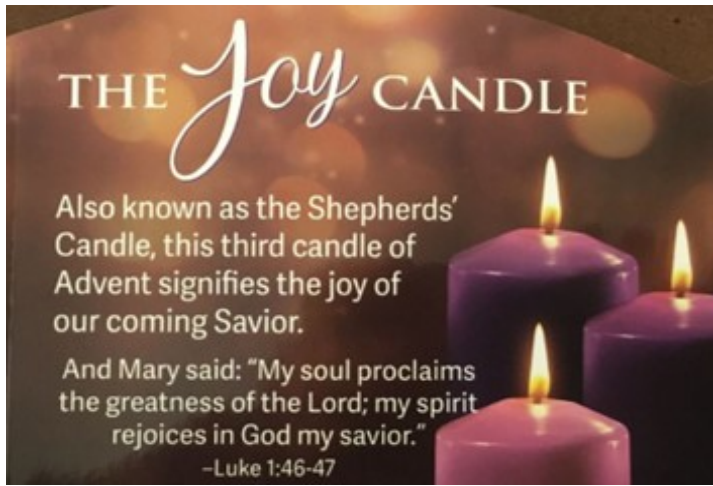
### Second Reading:

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.



## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

John 1:6-8,19-28

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday, 18 December -**

**Tuesday, 19 December -**

01.30pm - Advent Group: Final Session  
05.30pm - Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, 20 December -**

08.30am - Rosary  
09.30am - Adoration

**Thursday, 21 December -**

**Friday, 22 December -**

08.30am - Rosary

**Saturday 23 December -**

10.30am - Nativity Play Full dress rehearsal

**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 **Rodney, Paul Carlson, Cristina Bome, Cyril Fegan Dorothy Bernard, Nellie Derilo Losloso**, 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.

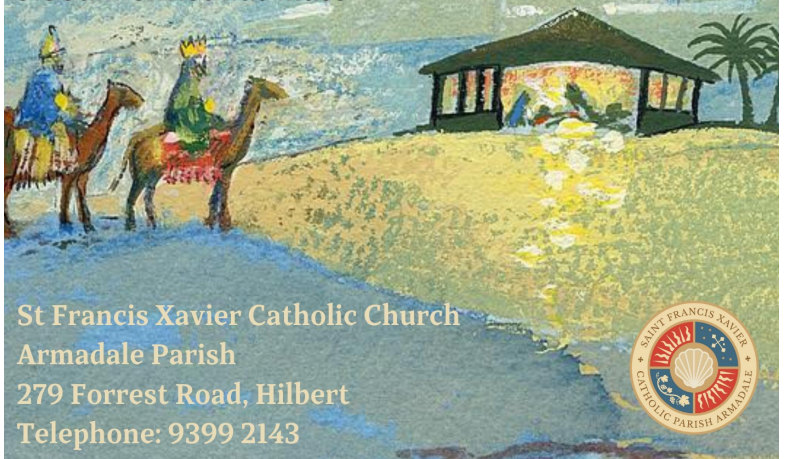
#### 12.00am Midnight Mass

Carols start at 11.30pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY 25TH DECEMBER

#### 7.30am Christmas Mass

#### 9.30am Christmas Mass



St Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Armada Parish

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

**CLARIFICATION REGARDING SUNDAY / CHRISTMAS MASS OBLIGATIONS:** By a quirk of the calendar, this year the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Solemnity of Christmas fall on consecutive days, comprising two separate obligations which cannot be fulfilled by attending one Mass. You can attend the vigil Mass on the evening of Saturday 23 December or a Mass on the morning of Sunday 24 December to fulfill the first obligation, and you can attend a Christmas Eve vigil Mass on the evening Sunday 24 December or a Christmas Day Mass on the morning of Monday 25 December to fulfil the second.

**RECONCILIATION NEXT WEEKEND:** Reconciliation will be available at 8.30am and 5pm on Saturday, 23 December. **Please note there will be no Reconciliation on Christmas Eve.**

**CHRIST BEGINS WITH CHRISTMAS:** A supply of posters are in the foyer of the Church - Please take one and share the real meaning of Christmas! *Knights of the Southern Cross*

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BRUNCH:** This Sunday following the 9.30am Mass for those who have purchased tickets. *Thank you to the Social Committee for organising this event.* Sorry there will be no door sales.

**SUNDAY MORNING TEA:** *A reminder that there will be no morning tea this Sunday 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.**

**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.

**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY:** A Full-dress rehearsal with the choir will be held next **Saturday 23 December at 10.30am.** *Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.*

**PIETY STALL: Christmas gifts on sale now!** We can now accept 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).**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Please note the parish office closes at **12.30pm** during the school holidays.

**BOXING DAY:** Due to the public holiday, Mass will be celebrated at **9am on Tuesday 26 December.** *There will be no evening Mass.*

**LEGION OF MARY:** Our last meeting for the year will be this Tuesday 19 December; we will be taking a short break and recommence on **Tuesday 2 January at 5.30pm** in the meeting room.

**RCIA GROUP:** Will be taking a break for the next two weeks and will recommence on **3 January 2024.**

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:** Will be taking a break and will recommence in February.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL:** Will be taking a break and will recommence on Friday 2 February 2024

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** A reminder that Children's Liturgy does not run during the school holidays, we will recommence in February.

**CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY:** Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy some Christmas Cake and a drink following the Christmas Masses. All welcome!

**A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE HAS CHANGED SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS:** Vinnies would like to sincerely thank Parishioners for their donations. *Children's presents and food gift cards are now being delivered.*

**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:** *Its not too late to Start!* 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.*

**ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:** Is available to view at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buwISHEeFA> *A few copies are also available in the foyer.*

**'MY SPIRIT LAND' BY EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP HICKEY:** Emeritus Archbishop Hickey has completed his memoirs titled 'My Spirit Land'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, priests, cardinals, popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia. The book is available online at [myspiritlandmemoir.com](http://myspiritlandmemoir.com) for \$44.95 plus postage and handling or collect at Our Lady of the Mission Church, Craigie for \$44.95 on Wednesday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

**NEW YEARS EVE MASS:** The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary invite all parishioners to the Shrine to welcome the New Year on **Sunday 31 December.** *Adoration commences at 11pm and Carols at 11.45pm, followed by Mass at 12am.* Please note this is an outdoor event, bring a chair. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**NEW YEARS DAY:** Mass for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God will be celebrated at **9am on Monday 1 January in St Francis Xavier Church.** All Welcome!

**MEETING DATES FOR 2023:** Could all groups in the parish send their meeting dates to the office for addition to the office calendar as soon as possible.

## Christmas Eve Nativity & Carols

NATIVITY REHEARSALS

**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*



## 24:7 ARMADALE

And that is a wrap on 2023! Such an incredible year with such incredible people. This year we have dove into multiple topics and areas of our life that challenged us to grow in our relationship with Jesus. It was such a blessing to be on this journey with everyone!

Last Sunday, we had an epic night, where we followed Mary and Joseph accompanied by a talking map, a crocodile, a shepherd and his many sheep! We problem solved, fell into chaos, and also had a lot of fun just being together as we searched for Jesus, the King of Kings, who came to save our lives in such a humble way.

Friday night marked the finale of our youth ministry year with all the 24:7 youth groups gathering together for our Awards Night at the South Perth Community Centre.

Thank you to the love and support of the St Francis Xavier Parish, Fr Mark, and to the many families who bring their amazing kids to hang out with us at Youth Group!

24:7 Armadale Wishes you a very blessed, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

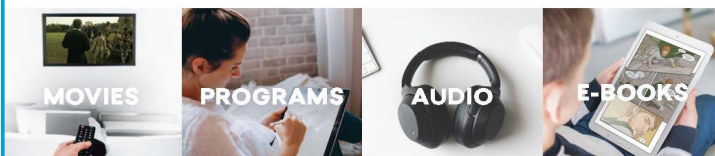
God Bless,  
Jerome

24:7 Armadale Youth Minister



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

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

EMAIL: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au)

Our Parish Safeguarding Officers:

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Armadale Parish is committed to the safety and security of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.



## CHILDREN'S SUMMER RETREAT

Thursday 18 January  
Registration 8.45am  
9am to 2pm in the Parish Hall

Music | Craft | Drama

### PLEASE BRING:

- COMPLETED CONSENT FORM
- A PLATE OF LUNCH TO SHARE
- A HAT & WATER BOTTLE
- \$5 PER CHILD

All is gift!



Come along and get to know the wise men!

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN THOUGH YOUNGER SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH THEIR PARENT.

SIGN UP SHEET IN THE FOYER

Safeguarding parent consent forms are required - available in the foyer and at: [sfxarmadale.org.au](http://sfxarmadale.org.au)

