



ST FRANCIS XAVIER ARMADALE

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Fr Mark Baumgarten - *Parish Priest*
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Mrs Karen Daubney - *Parish Secretary*
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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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23/24 DECEMBER 2023

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT— YEAR B

READINGS

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

Antiphon to the Psalm:

Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Love

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father..."
- Luke 1:32

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 1:38

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, 25 December - Christmas Day

07.30am - Mass

09.30am - Mass

Tuesday, 26 December - St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day)

09.00am - Mass

Wednesday, 27 December -

08.30am - Rosary

Thursday, 28 December -

Friday, 29 December -

08.30am - Rosary

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 **Margaret McCann, Mayne D'Souza, Bill Rosser, Isabel Palacios, Jean Hope, Harry Miller Jr, Miriam Atkinson, Tayla Mukiza, Bernie Scott, Harry Stevenson** 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

Telephone: 9399 2143



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

RECONCILIATION: Please note there will be no Reconciliation on Christmas Eve.

MORNING TEA: There will be **no morning tea** this Sunday 24 December and next Sunday 31 December.

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*

PIETY STALL: Last chance to purchase Christmas gifts! 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).

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be **closed this week and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January.** Please note the 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.

ADORATION: Please note there will be no adoration this week due to the office closure. Adoration will **resume on Wednesday 3 January at 9.30am.**

THANK YOU: To Carol Moore & Helen Lesniak for organising the Christmas Nativity Play again this year. Thank you to the Amato Family for providing the music and thank you to all our young people for their participation and enthusiasm and their families for their on-going support.

LEGION OF MARY: Wishing Fr Mark, Dcn Patrick, Dcn Errol and the Parish Community a joyous and peaceful Christmas and Blessings for the New Year. We will recommence on Tuesday, 2 January. All welcome!

PARISH POST BOX: The Parish Christmas Post Box is 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.**

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 2024: Could all groups in the parish send their meeting dates to the office for addition to the office calendar as soon as possible.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: Is available to view at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buw1SHEeFA> A few copies are also available in the foyer.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER RETREAT: Primary school aged children are invited to join us in the hall for some faith and fun on **Thursday, 18 January from 9am to 2pm.** Please arrive at 8.45am with completed Safeguarding Parent Consent Forms (available in the foyer and on the parish website). Day includes music, drama and craft activities. Our focus is on the Epiphany—all is gift! Bring a plate of lunch to share, a hat and a water bottle. Cost: \$5 per child. **Please add your child/children's names to the sign up sheet in the foyer.**

A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE HAS CHANGED SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS: Thank you To all the families who so generously contributed to our Christmas giving tree, we thank you. Your ongoing support is vital to us being able to provide a little joy to many children who would otherwise go without. We won't see their little faces on Christmas morning when they open their gift but when we delivered these gifts, the gratitude and relief many of the parents expressed was quite emotional, they asked that their thanks be passed on to you. May peace and every Christmas blessing be with you and all those you care for.
St Vincent De Paul Armadale Conference

VATICAN DOCUMENT: In response to questions about the recent Vatican document on blessings, Fr Mark recommends the following explainer: <https://www.pillaratholic.com/p/did-the-pope-just-permit-gay-marriage>

'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 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.



**Begin the New Year 2024
on 31 December at the
Schoenstatt Shrine Mt Richon**

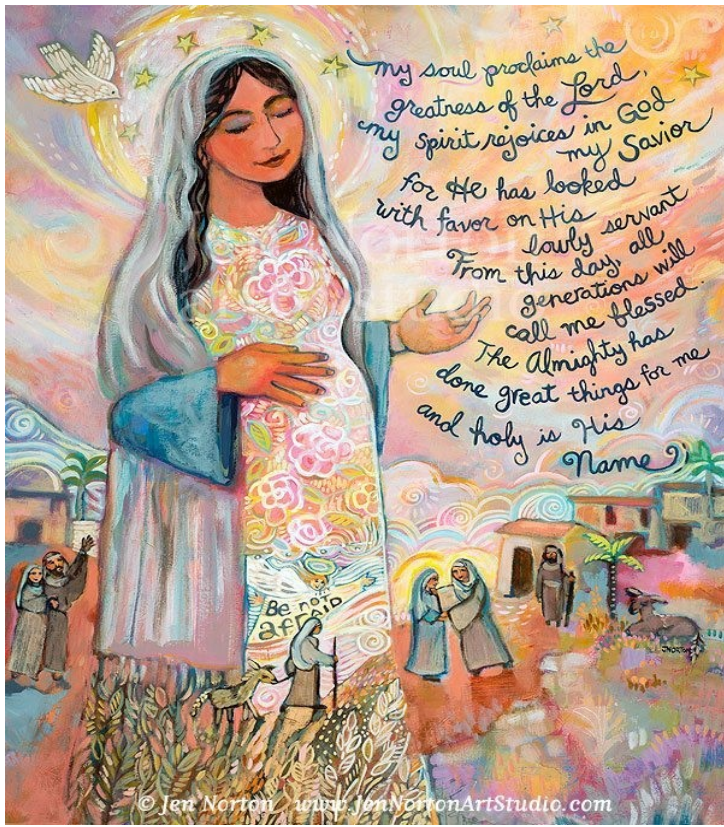
11.00 pm Adoration
11.45 pm Christmas carols
12.00 am Bells ring in the New Year

Holy Mass
Fellowship

Welcome to the Shrine!



The Angels
announced HIS coming;
the star revealed the place,
and JESUS came into the world
to give amazing grace.
Praying for the grace of CHRIST
to fill your HEARTS.
Merry Christmas!



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Welcoming Children in Church

Dear parents of our young parishioners, our parish warmly welcomes your growing family at our celebration of Holy Mass. May we suggest:



- **Relax:** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house. Father won't be distracted by a bit of extra noise!
- **Sit close:** You may wish to sit towards the front or by an aisle where it's easier for little ones to see and hear.
- **Explain:** Feel free to quietly explain the different parts of the Mass.
- **Participate:** Sing the hymns, pray the prayers, say the responses, etc. – children often learn by copying your actions.
- **Kid's bulletin:** Special bulletins with children's activities are available in the foyer.
- **Family room:** You are welcome to sit in the family room, but there is no expectation that you have to.
- **Stepping outside:** If you feel you need to pop out for a few minutes feel free, but please come back!

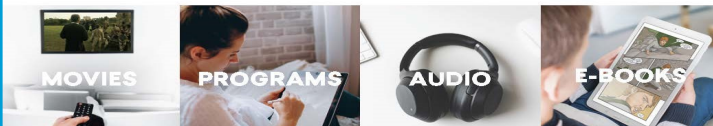


Note to all parishioners: The presence of children is a gift to the Church, for they are our future. Our parish is blessed with many young families – please make them welcome!



“Jesus said, ‘Do not stop the little children from coming to me, for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs.’” (Matt 19:14)

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Contact the parish office to register!

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>

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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

