



# 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 & 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 - 12.30pm

Saturday: 8.30am - 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 6112

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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6/7 JANUARY 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

## READINGS

### First Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away

and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,

your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you,

the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,

and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,

bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

### Antiphon to the Psalm:

*Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13*

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### Second Reading:

*Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.



We have come to

# Worship

Him

Matthew 2:2

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday, 8 January - Baptism of The Lord**  
08.00am - Mass

**Tuesday, 9 January -**  
05.30pm - Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, 10 January -**  
08.30am - Rosary  
09.30am - Adoration  
06.00pm - RCIA

**Thursday, 11 January -**

**Friday, 12 January -**  
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 **Roy Jones, Jeremias Dela Cruz, Frank Papalia, Tom Watson, Fr Fatu Mulikiha'amea, Immaculata Scidone, Roman Zygmunt Wiktorowicz, Tony Rae** 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.

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER RETREAT

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

**Music | Craft | Drama**

All is gift!



Come along and  
get to know  
the wise men!

**PLEASE BRING:**

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

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)





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

- ◆ **Ava Marie Zacarias Concepcion**, daughter of Rafael Concepcion and Ances Zacarias
- ◆ **Ainsley Elizabeth Reid**, daughter of Samuel and Marcelle Reid
- ◆ **Jacob Palmer Ortisi**, son of Luke and Rachel Ortisi

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

**EPIPHANY BLESSING:** Each year at the feast of the Epiphany many parishes throughout the world participate in an annual blessing of homes with chalk. It is an ancient tradition that not only places God at the entrance of your home, it places your entire family under his protection. It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. ***The blessed chalk and instructions will be found in a basket in the foyer after Mass for those wishing to bless their homes.***

**HOLIDAYS:** Fr Mark is taking a well earned rest from **Tuesday 2 January to Friday 12 January.**

**FEAST of the BAPTISM of the LORD:** is **this Monday**, Mass will be celebrated at the usual time of **8am.**

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

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meets each **Tuesday at 5.30pm** in the parish meeting room. New members welcome! *Join the Rosary on Wednesdays & Friday at 8.30.*

**BEST WISHES:** to Fr Mark who celebrates his birthday this Friday, 12 January.

**CHI RHO CATECHISTS MEETING:** A meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16 January at 4pm** in the meeting room.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY CO-ORDINATORS:** Will be meeting on **Tuesday 16 January at 5pm** in the meeting room.

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER RETREAT:** A fun day, including prayer, singing, games and activities is being planned for **Wednesday 18 January** from 9am to 2pm for primary school aged children. **Registration is at 8.45am.** It will be held in the parish hall and run by the Children's Liturgy Team. Parents are welcome to stay. Please bring a completed consent form, a hat, a water bottle and a plate of food to share. Cost \$5 per child. *Please add your child/children's details to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.*

**RETREAT HELP REQUIRED:** Catechists please let Christyne know if you are available to help.

**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.

**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION SESSIONS:** A reminder that if you are a new volunteer in the parish, attendance at an online or in-person Safeguarding Induction is required. ***Dates for sessions for the new year are advertised on page 4 of the bulletin.*** All other volunteers will be required to attend a 'refresher' course (required every 3 years) scheduled at the parish in May.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL:** Will be taking a break this month. The next gathering will be held on **Friday 2 February.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHOP:** A workshop for all Sunday Catechists will be held on **Sunday 21 January at 11am** in the meeting room. Please endeavour to attend as we will need to reorganise teams and plan for the year. We will be reviewing policies and providing training on the use of media equipment. *Anyone interested in joining the team is welcome to attend!*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELP REQUIRED:** Children's Liturgy of the Word is held each Sunday during the school term. Each week a team prepares and presents the Liturgy of the Word to the children in a child friendly way. In our parish we have four teams. Each group has a coordinator and they guide the planning of their rostered days. *Each team is rostered only two sessions per term (8 per year).* Team members do not need to be qualified Catechists but are welcome to become qualified if they wish. Each team coordinator is very experienced, has the planning resources available to them and may ask for support to help prepare the week before with a simple craft activity (which can be prepared at home).

The rostered team arrives at 8.45am on Sunday, setups and supports the children with their craft and supervision in the meeting space and in the church until collected by their parent. Training and development opportunities are given throughout the year within the parish at our workshops for the teams, held twice a year. It is not a big commitment and is such a wonderful way to get involved and meet other people in the parish! *A WWC card is required and the completion of a Safeguarding Personal Declaration Form and online Induction. Enquiries to the parish office.*

**PARISH POST BOX:** Please remember to check whether there are any Christmas cards waiting for you!

**CHI RHO SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024—REGISTER NOW!** Religious instruction and sacramental preparation for children attending non-Catholic schools is held on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm during term time. **If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation please register now!** *Enrolment packs are in the foyer and on the website.* If you pre-register you do not need to attend the registration days on Tuesday, 30 January or 6 February. **Classes commence 13 February.** *Please let your friends and family know!*

**BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:** *Baptism is the beginning of the Christian Life and as children reach the age of understanding it is important for them to undertake instruction to understand the meaning of the Sacrament.* The Archdiocesan Guidelines state that all children from year 2 and above must receive instruction prior to Baptism. In response, our parish requires any primary school aged children who would like to be baptized attend a ten-week baptism preparation program. **Registration afternoons will be held on Tuesdays, 30 January and 6 February from 4pm to 5pm.** Classes commence *13 February.* The program will be held on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm. Following the end of the programme they will be baptized as a group during a 9.30am Sunday morning Mass. *For information or to register contact the office on 9399 2143 or email [armadale@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:armadale@perthcatholic.org.au)*

**GOD'S WORD 2024:** *Only a few copies left!* On sale in the foyer at \$20 each.

## EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

Each year at the feast of the Epiphany many parishes throughout the world participate in an annual blessing of chalk. It is an ancient tradition that not only places God at the entrance of your home, it places your entire family under his protection. The blessing has biblical roots, deeply tied to the Passover in the book of Exodus. The chalk is blessed at Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, then distributed to the faithful. Parishioners then take the chalk home and use it while invoking God's blessing upon their home.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in his first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "24" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that he stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

***Blessed chalk, prayer and instructions will be in the foyer after Mass !***



## 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/>

Our Parish Safeguarding Officers:

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



## St Francis Xavier Parish Armada

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS  
INSTRUCTION FOR  
CHILDREN ATTENDING  
SCHOOLS OTHER THAN  
CATHOLIC

**Chi Rho classes  
commence  
13 February 2024  
REGISTER NOW**



BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED  
CHILDREN

A maximum of 2 sacraments  
is allowed per year.

PREPARATION TO RECEIVE  
THE SACRAMENTS OF:

- RECONCILIATION
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
- CONFIRMATION

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## An Hour with JESUS

It is **JESUS** in fact you seek when you dream of happiness: **HE** is waiting for you when nothing else satisfies you. **HE** is beauty to which you are so attached; it is **HE** who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not settle for compromise. It is **HE** who urges you to shed the masks of false life. It is **HE** who reads your hearts most genuine choices, the choices that others try to strife. It is **JESUS** who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity. The courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal. **It is HE, CHRIST!**

*John Paul II WYD Rome 2000*



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm  
Saturdays 8.30am to 9am**