ST FRANCIS XAVIER
ARMADALE

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Mr John Bowen - *Parish Finance Officer*

**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.

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**22/23 NOVEMBER 2025** **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

# READINGS

## First Reading
*2 Samuel 5:1-3*

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

## Antiphon to the Psalm
*Psalm 121(122):1-5*

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

## Second Reading
*Colossians 1:12-20*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mark 11:9,10*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

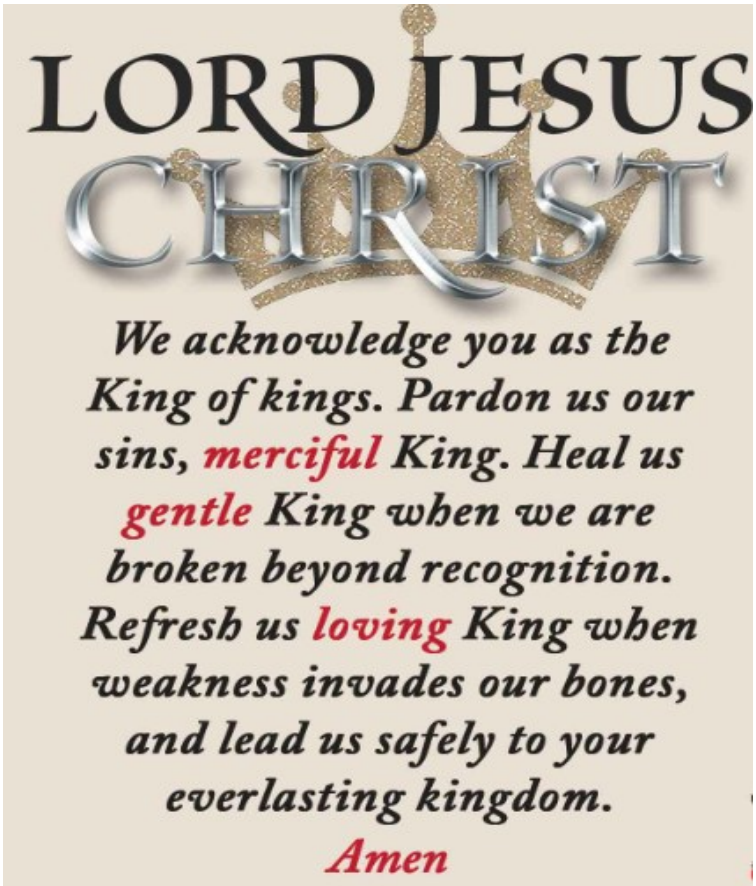
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

# GOSPEL

*Luke 23:35-43*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'




Our Parish Safeguarding Officers:

**ATU AMATO** **SMITHA EMPRAYIL**
**REBECCA FURFARO** **WENDY MONGAN**

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**Email: sgo.armadale@perthcatholic.org.au**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday, 24 November** - *St Andrew Dũng-Lac*
08.00am - Mass
05.00pm - SVDP Meeting

**Tuesday, 25 November** - *St Catherine of Alexandria*
04.00pm - Advent Christmas Craft
04.00pm - Chi Rho Teens
05.30pm - Legion of Mary
07.00pm - Mass

**Wednesday, 26 November** -
08.30am - Rosary
09.00am - Mass
09.30am - Adoration
01.00pm - Advent Group
07.00pm - RCIA
07.30pm - KSC Branch Meeting

**Thursday, 27 November** -
08.00am - Mass
07.00pm - Bible Study: A Biblical Walk with Mary

**Friday, 28 November** -
08.30am - Rosary
09.00am - Mass
09.30am - Divine Mercy
06.30pm - Young Adult Meeting

**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: **Andrew Crispe, Mario Gandossi, Lino Nicolao, Helen Chitty, Adelina Sorgiovanni, Albert Giles, Lina Furfaro, Joy Leppard, Claire Florence Nielsen** 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.

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

- **Noah Cannon Hiniker,** son of Cannon and Caylee Hiniker
- **Amelia Scarlette Jones,** daughter of Shane Jones and Karine Tolentino.
- **Mackenzie May Baker,** daughter of Brett Baker and Lauren Gray.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Tahj Hiniker who will be receiving his first Holy Communion at St Kevin's this weekend.

**FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS**: **After the 9.30am Mass this Sunday** there will be the opportunity to buy donated costume jewellery - **all proceeds to Wheelchairs for Kids**. This amazing volunteer run organization sends 300 all terrain wheelchairs every month to disabled children in more than 80 underdeveloped countries. These wheelchairs are fully adjustable to the growth of the child - if you're able, please come and support this worthwhile charity.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Recommences this Sunday** from 9.20 in the meeting room and will continue until the end of term 4.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Will be held **this Sunday** following 9.30am Mass. *Please support our parish youth.*

**PIETY STALL:** Will be open for business during the Festival in the parish hall. *Christmas orders will now be taken.*

**SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS:** Are on sale in the foyer following all Masses **this weekend**. Pack of 8 cards $4 | 2026 Columban Calendars: $9.

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** *The Christmas Giving Tree is now in the foyer. Please* see page 4 of the bulletin, which outlines the various ways you can give this year.

**24:7 YOUTH ARMADALE:** Please join us after the 6pm Mass this Sunday where we look forward to welcoming another guest speaker who will share how belonging to a faith community has shaped their life. The evening will include games, shared activities, and time for reflection, and we are eager to come together once again.

**PARISH FESTIVAL THANK-YOU:** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Parish festival such a joyful and successful event. The day was filled with great enthusiasm, community spirit, and wonderful participation from parishioners and visitors alike. We are very grateful to all who helped with planning, preparation and assisting with the various activities throughout the day.

**GROUP LEADERS Important Follow-Up:** Please review the list of individuals who expressed interest in joining your group during the festival and follow up with them at your earliest convenience. When contacting them, kindly inform them of the safeguarding requirements associated with involvement in parish groups and ask them to introduce themselves to the Parish Secretaries, who will provide them with the necessary safeguarding declaration forms and any further guidance they may need. Thank you once again for your dedication and continued support of our parish community.

**MAGNETS:** St Francis Xavier magnets are available in the foyer for all parishioners. Please feel free to take one home today.

**CHI RHO TEENS:** Sessions continue on Tuesdays at 4pm until the end of term 4.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR CHILDREN**: The first of our annual Christmas Craft afternoons for primary school-aged children will be held this **Tuesday, 25 November from 4pm to 5.30pm in the parish h**all. Please bring a *plate of light afternoon tea to share. Parents are most welcome to stay and assist with the activities.* **Please add your child/children's details to the sign up sheet in the foyer.**

**ADVENT GROUP:** Parishioners are invited to join the advent group, which will commence on **Wednesday 26 November at 1pm** in the meeting room. The group will be reflecting on the coming Sunday's Gospel for the four weeks of Advent. All welcome!

**ADORATIONS:** All parishioners are invited to make a holy hour on Wednesdays from 9.30am and 12.30pm.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?** The RCIA team meet on **Wednesdays at 7pm** in the meeting room.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY COURSE: Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** began last Thursday with 18 enthusiastic participates in the Parish Hall. A Walk with Mary is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, A Walk with Mary will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joy and her sorrows. The eight week course will continue weekly for 4 weeks, then take a break over Christmas and then recommence on 15 January.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** Every Friday after 9am Mass.

**YOUNG ADULTS:** This **Friday** at **6.30pm** in the meeting room.

**PARISH GROUPS:** Please contact the parish office to advise the date of your **final meeting for 2025** and the **date you will resume in 2026**.

**ALTAR SERVER ROSTER:** There will be a training session for all new Altar Servers this **Saturday, 29 November at 9.15am**. We take this opportunity to welcome Emelia, Jean-Rose, Aaron and Sarah to the team!

**THANK YOU!** The Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your gift of one hour of happiness for Fr Mark, Fr Grant and Deacon Patrick. It is with great joy to let you know that our parish has offered up 1200 hours of their own happiness to Our Lord and Our Lady for our clergy. What greater gift of appreciation for all they do for us. We will present these gifts on Christmas. Many are still bringing their threads of wool to the Shrine. ***Should you have missed out being part of this gift, please call me or just come to the Shrine to pick up your threads of wool and we will add them to all the others.*** Sr M Lisette 0400 234 910

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION:** Save the date! The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday 17 December at 7pm**. *Reconciliation is available every Saturday at 8.30am & 5pm and on Sunday evening at 5.15pm.* Come along and prepare well for Christmas!

**PARISH CHRISTMAS EVENT!** Save the date! **Saturday 20 December at 12 noon**. We will enjoy a performance of the Christmas Eve Nativity Play and carols in the church followed by a light lunch in the hall.

**REMINDER:** As a gentle reminder and in keeping with Columbarium General Condition No 5, we ask that **no flowers** be placed on the walls or on the ground. Flower stems poked behind plaques may damage the integrity of the wall. Please do not leave glass jars as they are hazardous. This helps us maintain the beauty, cleanliness and uniformity of our Columbarium as a sacred resting place for our loved ones.

**JESUS YOUTH AUSTRALIA:** Here's the plan: You, your friends, your God, 6 days. LET'S DO THIS! Jesus Youth Perth is hosting their annual Discipleship Retreat, **Trendsetters!** An unforgettable, 6-day program for high school graduates and young adults (18-21) looking to nurture their relationship with Jesus, identify their talents, charisms and step confidently into bold living as Catholics! REGISTER NOW! **1 - 6 February at Vincentian Retreat Centre**, Byford. For more info contact: Donna 0422748190 | Alfred 0411159759 OR check out the poster in the foyer for more details!

St Francis Xavier Parish Armadale

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY AND CAROLS

All those pre-primary to age 14 are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Nativity Play

**Wednesday 24 December 2025**
**6pm: Nativity and Carols**
**6.30pm: Mass**

Young people in Year 3 to Year 12 are invited to join the Children's Choir.

**First rehearsal for both choir & nativity**
**Saturday 6 December 10.30am**

**Sign up sheet and rehearsal times in the foyer!**

Nativity: Carol 0409 826 145
Choir: Christyne 0410 269 518

## SALVADO CATHOLIC COLLEGE

As part of the St Francis Xavier Parish family, Salvado Catholic College has been blessed with many opportunities this term to learn, celebrate, and serve together.

A particular highlight this past week was the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of our Parish. It was a privilege to join the community for the anniversary Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton—a moment of deep gratitude for all who have shaped, nurtured, and continue to build our parish. At the market day that followed, our students and staff were pleased to contribute through simple acts of service, including face painting for children and warmly engaging with families. These moments reflected our shared commitment to living out the values of Peace, Justice, and Compassion.

Within the College, students have continued to share their gifts generously. Our Arts, Design and Technologies Showcase highlighted the creativity and craftsmanship flourishing in our classrooms. Our Hospitality students supported the evening with professionalism and care, preparing and serving food for our visitors. Joy filled the campus during the Primary School Disco, and our Senior School production of *Dags* brought laughter and team-work to the stage.

We are pleased to share that Salvado Catholic College currently has 2026 enrolment opportunities for Year 4 and Year 5, as well as Year 7 to Year 11 places available for 2026 and 2027. We warmly welcome enquiries from parish families seeking a Catholic education grounded in faith, learning, and service.

Thank you to the St Francis Xavier Parish community for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and shared mission.

In faith and service,
Giovanna Fiume
*College Principal*

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# Vinnies Christmas Appeal

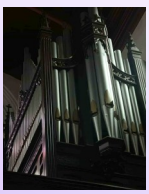
St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

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

**You can support them by:**

- **Buying Christmas Cards at 8 for $4 and 2025 calendars will also be on sale for $9.**
- **Take a card or envelope decoration from the Gifting Christmas Tree which will be in the church foyer from 16 November - 8 December**
- **On it will be written a boy or girl's age. Please purchase a suitable present to the value of $30 and return by 8 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.

**CHORAL VESPERS AT ST BRIGID'S:** Did you know that the new Liturgical Year begins on the First Vespers (evening prayer) the night before the first Sunday of Advent? St Brigid's Northbridge is holding their first choral Vespers on **Saturday 29 November at 6:30pm**. These will be held weekly during higher feasts.
St Brigid's is a very beautiful church, with a magnificent acoustic and gem of a pipe organ. It should be a solemn night of prayer and peace, with ethereal Gregorian chant and polyphony. For further details, please contact Ethan Ricafranca via email: **ethan.ricafranca@gmail.com**