

OUR PARISH VISION: "To be an active faith community centred on Jesus Christ, which unites everyone to build a better world"



## ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

*Incorporating the Community of the Order of  
the Clerics Regular of Somasca – CRS*

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD -  
YEAR A  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

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### Father's Reflection

**We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.**

**Dear Parishioners, The Easter of 2020 is quite a different one. It is an extraordinary and challenging moment due to COVID 19 pandemic. Even though we cannot worship together, each of us can seek him in the tabernacles of our own hearts.**

**The Easter Story is one of Hope and infinite love.**

**It is a story of intense love; the women and John, who braved the sorrow of standing at the foot of the cross when everyone else abandoned him; the good thief recognized the divine presence of Jesus who hangs on the cross and asked him to remember when He comes into his Kingdom; Joseph of Arimathea who overcame the fear of following Jesus in darkness and asked Pilate for his body; Nicodemus who embalmed the sacred body of Jesus with generous quantity of myrrh; women who went early hours of the day to tend the body without knowing how to move the stone of the entrance.**

**These people made an intentional choice to encounter Jesus Christ in those horrific moments of passion, death and resurrection. God's love reaches all of us from the open heart of the Crucified. Through his Resurrection, Jesus unleashed the power of Love and invites us to seize that power and diffuse it in our neighborhood.**

**God has given us real, unshakable hope through His Word as we endure this pandemic. He is our Shield and our Shelter and He is mighty to save!**

**May this Easter be for all in our Church and our community a glimpse of the true reality won for us by Christ, which will never pass away.**

**May we pray earnestly that the Risen Lord in his infinite Mercy and compassion look upon this earth and end this Corona virus Pandemic.**

***Fr Vijay D'Souza CRS & Fr Pierangelo Borali CRS***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

Thomas Papadopoulos, Cecilia Coelho, Sister Renee Quadros, Domenico Fasolo, George, Salvatore Lazzara, Alessio De Souza, John Alvarez, Marina & Rita Papalia, Sid Gaspar, Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo, Anna Fico & Maria Fernandez.

*(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)*

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE:**

Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am

Saturday - 9am

**WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE:**

Saturday - 6pm

Sunday - 8am, 10am and 6pm (Youth Mass)

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 9.30am-10.30am & 5pm -5.30pm

Or on Request at any time

## Easter Prayer

On this day, Lord God,  
you opened for us the  
way to eternal life  
through your only son's  
victory over death.

Grant that as we  
celebrate the feast of  
His resurrection we  
may be renewed by  
your Holy Spirit and rise  
again in the light of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your son, who  
lives and reigns with  
you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, One God,  
forever and ever.

**Amen**



### **Facebook Page – St Jerome's Catholic Parish**

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Jeromes-Catholic-Parish-463604160339424/posts/>

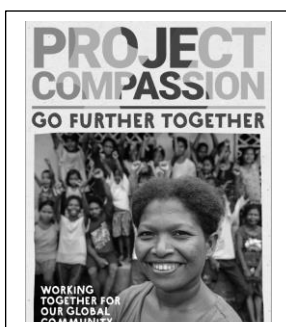
**Holy week Livestreamed Mass will take place;**

**Holy Thursday- 7.00pm** Mass for the Lord's supper followed by Adoration until midnight.

**Good Friday- 10.00am** Stations of the Cross  
**3.00pm** The passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday- 7.00pm** Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday- 9.00am** Easter Sunday Mass



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Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You will be helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 Lenten appeal.**

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

**A livestreamed Mass for each Sunday will be celebrated by Archbishop Costelloe SDB at 11.00am. You can watch it live here.**

[www.stjromesparish.org/slider/live-streamed-mass-for-fourth-sunday-of-lent/](http://www.stjromesparish.org/slider/live-streamed-mass-for-fourth-sunday-of-lent/)

**Daily and weekend Masses can be viewed from The Archdiocese of Perth Youtube account.**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PerthCatholicChurch>

## HOW TO MAKE AN **ACT of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

### **1 PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS**

Create a space where you will be able to pray quietly. Focus on an image of Jesus and light a candle before Him. Make the Sign of the Cross.

### **2 READ THE MASS READINGS**

Slowly pray the readings for Mass of the day. These can be found in a Missal or on the Unversalis App.

### **3 RECITE THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Recite the prayer below slowly, meditating carefully on each word. Believe that Jesus will give you the grace of a real encounter with Him.

### **4 SILENCE**

Remain in silence for some moments, with Jesus in your heart. Allow Him to love you and to nourish your soul.



### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present  
in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already here,  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



LIFE, FAMILY  
AND OUTREACH  
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**FIRST READING:***Acts 10:34.37-43*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how He began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with Him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything He did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed Him by hanging Him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised Him to life and allowed Him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with Him after His resurrection from the dead – and He has ordered us to proclaim this to His people and to tell them that God has appointed Him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to Him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through His Name.’

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 117: R. v.24*

**R: This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
for His love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’ **R**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount His deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
A marvel in our eyes. **R**

**SECOND READING:** *Colossians 3:1-4*

Since you have been bought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in Heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and He is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with Him.

The Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
And Christ, the undefiled,  
Hath sinners to His Father reconciled.

Death with Life contended:  
combat strangely ended!

Life’s own Champion slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ’s glory as He rose!

Angels there attesting;  
Shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:  
He goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead,  
we know.

Victorious King, Thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice;**

**Let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL***John 20:1-9*

It was very early on the first day of the week, and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said, ‘and we don’t know where they have put Him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground but did not go in. Simon Peter, who was following, now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground and also the cloth that had been over His head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that He must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**