

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*

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER -YEAR A**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

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### Father's Reflection

The Gospel today once again presents us with Jesus giving testimony to who he is. The second thing that Jesus makes abundantly clear is that He is one with the Father, indeed that He Himself is Divine when he says "if you have seen me, you have seen the Father" and "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." Jesus assures us of a place in his kingdom: "Let not your hearts be troubled...there are many rooms in my father's house...so that where I am you may be too."

Jesus' declaration that He is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" and "no one comes to the Father except through me" is the thing which our world today finds most difficult to accept. In the world today, there is no absolute WAY, TRUTH and LIFE. It is based on one's situation and conveniences. - "that is your truth and this is my truth."

The Gospel high lights three key points:

**THE WAY:** Which way are you traveling with? The world is full of many roads that lead to nowhere good. Jesus warns us, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Mt 7:13-14). In this Sunday we learn that when we abandon the way of Jesus and follow other ways all we will meet is crisis. The road of materialism leads to selfishness and greed. The road of discrimination leads to prejudice, injustice and war.

**THE TRUTH:** Are you on the side of truth? The truth is perceived according to the individual conveniences. Everything is alright, because it suits the individual's life style. Are you on the same mission with Jesus who says, "I was born for this, and I have come into the world for this: to testify to the truth" (Jn18:37). Jesus came to deliver us from ignorance and illusions. Things are not as they appear. Appearance is not the same with reality. It can be very deceptive. A lot of ideas, teachings and lifestyles in the world today are enticing but they are misleading. But truth is one and eternal. It does not change but it changes those who accept it.

**LIFE:** Do we really live or merely exist? Does our existence reflect the beauty of meaningful living? Jesus is the life; the living bread (Jn 6:51); the living water (Jn 4:14). If we live like him, we shall have life in us in abundant here and hereafter. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn10:10).

As Pentecost is approaching, we ask the Holy Spirit to give us the ability to discern, *'the way, the truth and the life.'*

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE:** Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am

Saturday - 9am

**WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE:** Saturday - 6pm

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

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

**RECONCILIATION:**

Or on Request at any time



The joyful celebration of **MOTHER'S DAY** is a gentle reminder of what is the most essential need for every human person – **LOVE**. More specifically: **TO BE LOVED AND TO LOVE IN RETURN**. This is also something that finds its root and motivation in the very core of our Christian faith because **GOD IS LOVE** and every created love has its origin in God. So, dear **MUMS** of our community **WE LOVE YOU**, because you are the most tangible expression of God's love to each one of us. We have no words to **THANK YOU** as you deserve!

### LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020.

Please click the link below to view the letter

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200425\\_lettera-mesedimaggio.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html)

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections

We have had a number of queries from parishioners who usually donate cash to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections, asking how to continue this.

For those of you who would still like to contribute during this time **the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection can be made by EFT or directly deposited into:**

#### **St Jeromes Parish (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)**

Name of Account- R. C Archbishop of Perth  
St Jeromes Parish Spearwood

BSB – 086 006

ACC- 485592103

**The 1<sup>st</sup> collection donations can be made by EFT or directly deposited into:**

Name of Account- R. C Archbishop of Perth  
St Jeromes Parish Spearwood Presbytery

BSB – 086 006

ACC- 237719937

**Donations to the Barry Whitely Hall can be made by EFT or directly deposited into:**

Name of Account- R. C Archbishop of Perth  
Spearwood Church Hall Building

BSB – 086 006

ACC- 464282210

If you choose to do this, please do so on a **MONTHLY** basis if possible and be sure to put your **NAME** or **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE NUMBER** as a reference.

**Thank you and God Bless!**

### Direct Debit Planned Giving

If any of our generous parishioners would like to change from envelope donations to direct debit please call the Parish office and we would happily post out the form to do so. Thank you



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

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

### Weekly Masses

**Monday- Saturday 6.30am morning prayer followed by mass at 7.00am**

**Sunday- 9.00am mass**

**9 Day novena to Our Lady of Fatima - commences on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*O Most Holy Virgin Mary, you came to Fatima to reveal the graces that come from praying the Holy Rosary to three little shepherd children. Inspire us with a sincere love of this devotion so that, like the shepherd children, it is not a burdensome task but a life-giving prayer. May our prayers and meditations on the mysteries of our redemption bring us closer to your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Like the children of Fatima, we want to bring God's word to others. Give us the strength, O Lord, to overcome our doubts so that we may be messengers of the Gospel. We know that Jesus lives in our hearts and we receive Him in the Eucharist.*

*Lord Jesus, the miracles, prophecies and prayers that Your Mother brought to us at Fatima amazed the whole world. We are certain of her closeness to You. We ask through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that you graciously hear and answer our prayers.*

*Especially...* (Mention your intentions here...)

*Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us!*

*Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us!*

*"From famine and war, deliver us."*

*Amen.*

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**ALL-LOVING GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR MOTHERS YOUNG AND OLD.**

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;

May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;

May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.  
Amen.



**MARY, QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY**

May the faithful recitation of my Rosary be a sign of my gratitude to Jesus and to you for all you have done for me in bringing about my redemption. May my Rosary also be a means of obtaining all the graces I need for the sanctification and salvation of my soul.

**FIRST READING:***Acts 6:1-7*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps. 32:1-2.4-5.18-19*

**R: Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in You.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all His works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with His love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere Him,  
on those who hope in His love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

**SECOND READING:** *1 Peter 2:4-9*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him; set yourselves close to Him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has

proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the Word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Jn 14:6*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,  
says the Lord; no one comes to the Father,  
except through me. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:***John 14:1-12*

Jesus said to His disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am, you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know My Father too.

From this moment you know Him and have seen Him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him, 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in Me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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