

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*

**The Ascension of The Lord
YEAR A
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Father's Reflection

I would like to share with you a few reflections on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. **Firstly**, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me..."* The Christian understanding of AUTHORITY is not power or position. It's SERVICE. The Lord Jesus is the model of this service which he manifested at the table of the Last Supper by washing the feet of his disciples. He has taught us the virtue of humility, which is the Mother of all virtues. Jesus is a 'servant leader' who emptied himself and offered his life for the salvation of the world. *"For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."* Lk 22:27

Secondly, Jesus invites all of us to *"go and make disciples."* It's intriguing to note two verbs *go* and *make...* These are action verbs. This is something we go and do. This isn't something that is a suggestion or an *"If you feel like it."* This is an imperative. *"Go make disciples."* It's the very mission of the church. All Christians, by the very virtue of Baptism are called into this with Jesus to be disciple makers. It's the very essence of being a Christian, to make Christ known to the world. In order to do that I must have an intimate, real relationship and strong encounter with Jesus.

Thirdly, the assurance of Jesus; *"...and know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."* Even though Jesus ascended into heaven, he is not absent from this world. The promise of Jesus is true and certain, not a mere assurance. His real and abiding presence in the Eucharist, leads us into the future. He is with his followers, will be close to them and will be with them to the end of time. His Eucharistic presence in the Tabernacles of the world urges us to witness the Gospel in this world. His abiding presence in the Blessed Sacrament gave strength and courage to the early Christians to make disciples and proclaim the Gospel. *"Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people."* Acts 18: 9-10

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost and become aware that we have been equipped with the grace and the power of the Holy Spirit by the sacrament of Confirmation, to *go and make disciples*. Each one of us draw an action plan to reach out to others with the Gospel to contribute to the Parish Renewal Programme.

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

Or on Request at any time

RECONCILIATION:

Weekday Masses

(Monday – Saturday)

7.00am, 8.00am, 9.00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5.30pm & 7.00pm

Sunday Mass

**7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am, 12.00pm (noon),
5.30pm & 7.00pm**

Thank you

I would like to acknowledge our community members who sanitised our Church and helped prepare it for its reopening.

Many people have kindly donated items like hand sanitiser and paper towels etc. We have specifically ordered hand sanitisers, paper towel dispensers and the paper towels to fit them. If you would like to financially contribute to the purchase of these items please contact the Parish office or the Somaskan fathers. We would greatly appreciate your support.

1st & 2nd Collections

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

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

St Jeromes Parish (2nd Collection)

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

BSB – 086 006

ACC- 485592103

The 1st 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



Kindergarten Enrolments for 2021

Interviews for Kindergarten 2021 are happening now. If your child was born between 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 they are eligible for Kindergarten in 2021. Parents of children with siblings are urged to ensure their applications have been submitted to avoid disappointment.

3 Year Old Kindergarten Enrolments for 2021

Interviews for 3 Year Old Kindergarten next year will take place this term. If your child was born between 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 your child will be able to join the program once they turn three.

Application forms are available from the front office at the school.

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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



FIRST READING:*Act 1:1-11*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day He gave His instructions to the apostles He had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to Heaven. He had shown Himself alive to them after His Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days He had continued to appear to them and tell them about the Kingdom of God. When He had been at table with them, He had told them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' He had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked Him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by His own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be My witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As He said this, He was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took Him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into Heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen Him go there.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:*Ps . 46. R .v.6*

**R: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God, with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on His holy throne. **R**

SECOND READING:*Ephesians 1:17-23*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of Him. May He enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope His call holds for you, what rich glories He has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that He has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of His power at work in Christ, when He used it to raise Him from the dead and to make Him sit at His right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under His feet, and made Him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is His Body, the fullness of Him who fills the whole creation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you
always, until the end of the world.**

Alleluia!**GOSPEL:***Matthew 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw Him they fell down before Him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.