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ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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

**15th SUNDAY OF
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12th July 2020**

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Father's Message

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty."
(Isaiah 55:11)

"The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword." (Hebrews 4:12). We have only a general idea of the effect of the rain we had last week. We do not know the details of what happened because of it. We know that seeds can lie hidden for years and eventually be reawakened and sprout. Perhaps the last rain opened a path to them, watered them sufficiently, and now they sprout. It is not by chance that God compares his Word to the snow and the rain. People are nourished and kept alive by his Word. Perhaps for a long time they do not appear to respond, and yet the Word is at work and alive in them. Then, all of a sudden, they blossom.

Our task is to sow, sow abundantly, without measuring, to do what we can to prepare the soil, as long as there is time. Remember the parable of the fig tree? The gardener pledged to dig around and manure it, to give the tree a better chance.

We are sowers to one another. We are gardeners to one another. In our present attempt to better connect with one another in our neighbourhoods, we offer one another the water, the seed of God's Word. We till one another's soil with love and concern. We respect each one's seasons, time and space. We look after one another with the patience of a farmer. We do not lose heart if our expectations are not met. It is God's expectations that matter, not ours. We are not masters, we are stewards, servants to one another. "God has no favourites." (Acts 10:24). He gives to all the same seed. We need to work on the soil so it can receive the seed and bear fruit.

We need understanding (seed on the edge of the path): I need to apply myself to let the Word teach me. Do I have time for the Scripture on a daily basis?

We need courage and perseverance (seed on the patches of rock): we need to have depth of soil, so that we do not give up at the first struggle. Dig deeper. Set a long enough end line.

We need focus (seed among thorns): we cannot experience all that the world can offer. We need to discern God's plan for us, have clear priorities, focus on them, and bear abundant fruit.

Faith comes from what is heard. What is heard comes through the Word of God. If we do not sow the seed, if we do not share, the seed cannot grow (Rom 10:17)

Prayer focus: "The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty."

Action Plan: Be unrelenting sowers, gentle gardeners to one another!

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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:

THE SEAL OF CONFESSION

Where possible, we are encouraged to send a well-argued written submission to WA's Legislation Committee by **midnight on Friday 24 July** as to why we believe the Confessional Seal should remain untouched by law.

To watch any one of six videos of survivors speaking up in support of the Seal of Confession, please go to [YouTube.com/TruelIdentityIntl](https://www.youtube.com/TruelIdentityIntl) or [Facebook.com/TruelIdentityInternational](https://www.facebook.com/TruelIdentityInternational).

To **inform you about the Bill** and to **show you how to write and send in submissions**, video sessions via Zoom will take place for a 30-minute duration at **6:30pm** and again at **7:30pm** on Mon 13/7, Wed 15/7, Fri 17/7, Mon 20/7 and Wed 22/7.

To log in to any of these 10 sessions: (1) go ONLINE to zoom.us, or onto the Zoom app, (2) select '**JOIN A MEETING**', (3) enter the MEETING ID, [**796 692 8292**], then (4) enter the password [**jesusheals**]. You should then be good to go!

For information on the Bill and writing submissions, visit: www.parliament.wa.gov.au/subportal.

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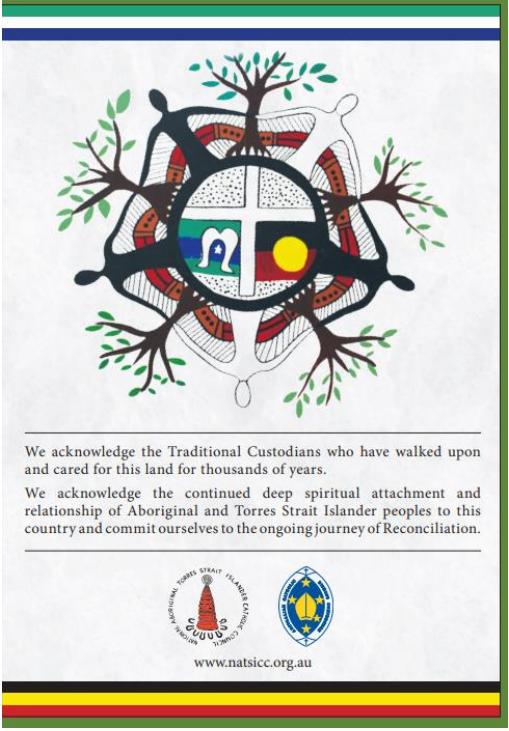
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If you choose to do this, please do so on a **MONTHLY** basis if possible and be sure to put your **NAME** or **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE NUMBER** as a reference.

Thank you and God Bless!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11/07/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Souls of Vittoria & Guilio Giorgi Souls of Armando & Arminda Tucci Souls of Giorgio & Angelina Giorgi Soul of Doloros De Freitas
Sun 12/07/20	8am	Soul of Giovanni Passalacqua Special Int for the Bishop Family Intentions of John Alvarez
	10am	Souls of Antonio & Antonia Alegria Jardim Soul of Pasquale Spadanuda Soul of Angelo Mirco Souls of Antonio & Rosina Mirco Special Int.
	6pm	
Mon 13/07/20	7am	Special Int.
	9am	Soul of Luis Coelho
Tues 14/07/20	7am	Special Int.
	9am	Souls of Purgatory
Wed 15/07/20	7am	Special Int.
	9am	Souls of Carmelo & Antonia Acquado Thanksgiving mass Int. Int. of Freitas and Yukos families Souls in purgatory In. Hon. of St Rita
Thur 16/07/20	7am	Soul of Armando Correia Special Int.
	9am	
Fri 17/07/20	7am	B'day Int Carmel Separovich Special Int.
	9am	Soul of Boris Szulej
Sat 18/07/20	9am	Special Int. B'Day Int. Albert



PRAYER OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

Father of all, You gave us the Dreaming, You have spoken to us through our beliefs, You then made Your love clear to us in the person of Jesus We thank You for Your care. You own us, You are our hope.

Make us strong as we face the problems of change. We ask You to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture. Make the knowledge of You grow strong in all people, So that You can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land.

Amen

Prepared by Aboriginal people for Pope John Paul II's visit to Alice Springs 1986

Rosters

The rosters for Cleaning, Counting, Readers & Extraordinary ministers are on the notice board in the foyer. Hard copies of the roster are also there for volunteers to take with them, otherwise if you have given us your email details, they have also been emailed out.

A message from St Vincent De Paul - Spearwood

Covid 19 has impacted on us all in one way or another. However some are suffering more than others, especially the most vulnerable within our parish. We are expecting a considerable upturn in requests for assistance in coming months when Government supplements cease. We ask as you leave the church today could you please spare something for the poor box located in the church foyer and another in the chapel next to the St Lucy statue.

Many thanks and God Bless
Chris Sparkes.



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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 64:10-14*

**R: The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth,
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Romans 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now, the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
all who come to Him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *(short version) Matthew 13:1-9*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that He got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and He told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Long version Matthew 13:1-23)

