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ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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

**16th SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
19th July 2020**

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Father's Message

This weekend Jesus gives three parables on the Kingdom of God: the wheat and the weed, mustard seed and yeast. Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to small things with great potentiality to develop and grow: seed and the yeast. The seeds are small, and they can transform into a mighty tree. They can multiply over time into vast forest, giving life and shelter to a whole ecosystem. Once the tree is born, once the forest is standing, we cannot see the seed. Yet, without a seed we would not have the forest. The kingdom of God exercises its powerful presence from within, not from without. Like the yeast is an active ingredient in the flour, so we are called to be in our neighbourhoods as an active ingredient.

We are in this process of parish renewal Jesus gives us the thought 'without seed there is no tree, without yeast there is no bread.' No matter how small our efforts are, the kingdom of God will not grow or spread without us. We are called to actively engage in bringing God's message, the message of the Gospel. Our weak effort of parish renewal can make a big impact in the life of our community, like the mustard seed and the small quantity of yeast is seemingly irrelevant.

Pope Francis: God does not come in a way that attracts attention. It is not a show. God's way is the way of the seed, of the yeast. The kingdom of God grows in a hidden way, until it bears fruit. Jesus did not enter the world with a bang. He was born in a manger. His message of the liberation reached the ends of the universe. It was Mary, an unimportant young girl, who made it possible for us to be saved.

Prayer focus: *Our parish renewal is a seed, yeast. An expression of the kingdom of heaven in our area.*

Action plan: *Take courage, sow abundantly, never write off anyone!*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE:

Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am

Saturday - 9am

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE:

Saturday - 6pm Vigil

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

Saturday 10.00-11.00am & 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.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTION RESUMES: on 27th on every month at 6.00 pm. The devotion involves Mass, Adoration and benediction.



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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 18/07/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Julian Kingsley
Sun 19/07/20	8am	Soul of Luciano Cicanes Soul of Teresa Della Madalena Int. Lenka Cicanese Int Alvaro De Freitas Special Int for the Bishop Family Intentions of John Alvarez
	10am	Soul of Angela Letizia (1 st anni) Soul of Domenic Marroccoli Soul of Jerry Abreu Special Int.
	6pm	
Mon 20/07/20	7am	Special Int.
	9am	Special Int. Int for luka Fiamengo
Tues 21/07/20	7am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu Special Int.
	9am	Soul of Frank Scilio B'Day Int Angelyn Thomas
Wed 22/07/20	7am	Soul of Michael Naw Special Int.
	9am	Int. Feast of Mary Madalena Int. of Freitas and Yukos families
Thur 23/07/20	7am	Int of family conversion through intercession of St Mary Magdalene and St Martha Special Int.
	9am	B'Day Int. Marcia Catania
Fri 24/07/20	7am	Soul of George & Ilario de Oliveira Special Int.
	9am	Int. Mary Crosby
Sat 25/07/20	9am	Souls of Guilia & Giovanni Ferrante Int. of St Anna Special Int.

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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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.

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FIRST READING: *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people, how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 85:5-6.9-10.15-16*

R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit Himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what He means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." '

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, He would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, He went to the house; and His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.'

He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.