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ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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

**19th SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
9th August 2020**

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Father's Message

This weekend we reflect upon three great personalities, Elijah who runs away from Ahab, Paul was burdened by the unbelief of his people and Peter was sinking right in front of Jesus whom he believed Jesus Son of the Living God, encounter God. We often think of a prophet as a person who can predict the future. This may be true. When it is true, it is due to the fact that a prophet sought and seeks to be familiar with God, to dwell in God - so he comes to see things the way God sees them. He can make out God's plan, God's signs. That is why he may appear to predict the future. In reality, he discerns God's plan all the time. Therefore Elijah was not taken in by the mighty wind, the earthquake and the fire. Loud signs did not impress him. He encountered God in the gentle breeze. God's presence is perceived in a small, gentle, little ways. God is present when we need him the most. He is there to support us and guide us.

Peter's journey was a special one. Always the first one to express his faith in Jesus. But Peter was yet to develop the sight of a prophet. Even as Jesus was familiar to him, this Gospel passage shows that he was not capable to recognise Jesus in a predicament that was different from what he expected. "It is a ghost!" (Matthew 14:26) I am also ashamed to see that my first port of call, in a moment of distress, is not always Jesus. The fullness of encounter with Jesus took place only after the resurrection of Jesus.

It may be myself: I start thinking, worrying, fretting and trying to take some form of control over what seems to go wrong, or it may be somebody else, something else: a person who may help, resources that may fix my trouble. I start sinking - until I return my gaze to Jesus, until I fix it on him.

"Jesus alive and active among the community"

Prayer focus: My highest priority: developing my relationship with Jesus.

Action Plan: Pray; take Jesus on board. Keep your eyes fixed on Him.

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:

St Jerome's Feast Day- 1600th Anniversary

This year marks the 1600th anniversary of our Patron Saint - St Jerome - the planning for our celebration can now go ahead, to the best of our ability, bearing in mind there may still be number restrictions in place for attendees at an inside location during September. We are praying that there will be no restrictions by then. However, if that should be the case then we will need to adjust any plans. Since April the Parish Pastoral Council had been discussing and working towards engaging the parish community before, during and after the day of celebration on **Sunday 27th September**. This was to include special guest speakers to share Sacred Scripture, the Bible and The Word of God.

The Holy Book is at the heart of everything the Church says and does. It forms our prayer and worship, how we understand the world, how we are called to live and how we relate to each other. So during the year leading towards St Jerome's feast day celebrations it was decided the best form of celebration would be by living and sharing God's word. Sadly with the lock down and lack of meetings/gatherings/availability of guest speakers and presenters these plans went away. Although the Parish Pastoral Council are currently able to meet and plan once again we find ourselves running out of time to undertake the above before Sunday 27th September, but feel much of this can still be achieved over the coming year and so will work towards that mission for our parish community. Right now we are asking all parishioners to pray for a successful, prayerful and special celebration to be possible. Our celebration mass is being planned and Archbishop Emeritus of Perth, Barry Hickey was approached and has accepted to be the main celebrant - it seemed fitting that Archbishop Hickey join us given his involvement with the Biblical Foundation which is part of the Centre for Faith Enrichment whose two fold mission is to daily Gospel reflections and offer scholarships for biblical studies through the B.J. Hickey Biblical Foundation.

Soon there will be a meeting date announced in the parish newsletter for the final stages of the planning of our St Jerome's Feast Day celebration, mass and lunch. Once again we ask our communities who, in the past, have assisted with providing dishes for the lunch to make contact at the meeting or prior to the meeting by contacting **Sandy in the office 9418 1229 or Ann, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary 0423 885 104 or ppcsecretary@stjermospaish.org**

A list will be placed in the church foyer soon so that parishioners who would like to assist with the meal can nominate their choice of dish.

Many thanks in advance and God Bless

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 08/08/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr	Tues 11/08/20	7am	
		Soul of Laurretta Yon		9am	Special Int for the Greget Family
		Soul of Gaetano Mangano			Int. Katherine Basilio
		Soul of Carolina Scarvacci			
		Soul of Mario Santella & Intention for the family			
Sun 09/08/20	8am	Soul of Salvador Freitas Basilio	Wed 12/08/20	7am	
		Special Int for the Bishop Family		9am	Soul of George Correia
		Intentions of John Alvarez		Int. Dinamene Basilio	
	10am	Soul of Giuseppe Gliosca			Int. of Freitas and Yukos families
		Souls of Grazia & Concetta Romeo			
		Soul of Francesco Alvaro			
		Soul of Slavica Katic			
		Soul of Joao fernandes Correia			
	6pm	Special Int. Nicholas Catanzaro	Thur 13/08/20	7am	
				9am	
Mon 10/08/20	7am	Special Int. Nicholas Catanzaro	Fri 14/08/20	7am	
	9am	Soul of Robert Little		9am	Soul of Anton Zuvela
		Soul of ivo Jaksac		B'Day Int. Liza Reynolds	
	B'Day Int Tom Wood	Sat 15/08/20	9am	Soul of Ric San Agustin	

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK COMPETITION 2020

Open to all young people 12 – 18 years. Create a 2-minute media clip outlining the importance of 'Putting children's needs first'. First prize \$500 Gift Voucher. Entry forms are available from the back of the church or visit: www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding Entry closes Friday 14th August. The Safeguarding Office in consultation with the Archbishops office will shortlist a number of finalists. On Tuesday 8th September a Showreel featuring these finalists' media clips will be made available on the Safeguarding Website www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding and through some Catholic Secondary Schools. Peers/friends/students are encouraged to watch the showreel and vote for the best clip. The winners will be announced at the 11 am Child Protection Week Mass held at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 13th September.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? - RCIA 2020 – 2021

Our Parish will soon begin the sessions to share with others the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our community. We invite you to know more and develop a deep relationship with God in an open and welcoming environment. **The RCIA journey will begin on 3rd September at St. Jerome's Church at 7.00pm.**

First Eucharist 2020

Retreat Day for the candidates of the First Holy Eucharist is Thursday 13th August 2020 at the Schoenstatt Shrine

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- PERMANENT FULL TIME COORDINATOR - THE EMMANUEL CENTRE

To receive the Job Description and submit your application by Monday 31 August 2020, please contact Julie Fuge: julie.fuge@perthcatholic.org.au Please see details on notice board.

PARISH RENEWAL CORNER

My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just a part of my life or a badge I can take off; it is not an "extra" or just another moment in my life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in the world (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium no. 273)

CLERGY AND LAITY: APOSTLES TOGETHER (SHERRY WEDDELL) If we as a Church are to fulfill our mission, it is absolutely essential that we as a people know our true identity. Are we a Church made up of 1.4 million recognized apostles and 990 million recipients of their ministry? Or are we rather a community of over a billion commissioned apostles who have been called and gifted by Jesus Christ to participate together in his redemption of our world? Most of us are familiar with the answer the Church has given to this question: No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples (Redemptoris Missio, 3). ... And so, you and I are faced with a question: What do we, as Catholics, really believe about the character and potential of 99.96 percent of our own people? Do we believe, with the Church, that the 990 million lay Catholics in the world are more than simply recipients of the Church's ministry? Do we truly recognize them as anointed agents of her redeeming mission, not only disciples, but also apostles commissioned by Jesus Christ himself?

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FIRST READING: *1 Kings 19:9.11-13*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord Himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 84:9-14*

R: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear Him
and His glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before Him
and peace shall follow His steps. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Psalm 129:5*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in His word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 14: 22-33*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said. 'Why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Revised Reconciliation times:

Saturday 10.00-11.00am & 5pm -5.30pm

Or on Request at any time