

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

VISION: "To be an active faith community centred on Jesus Christ, which unites everyone to build a better world"



21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YR A – 23RD August

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 22:19-23*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 137:1-3.6.8*

**R: Lord, Your love is eternal:
do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet He looks on the lowly
and the haughty He knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of Your hands. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Romans 11:33-36*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep His wisdom
and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate His
motives or understand His methods! Who could ever
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be His
counsellor? Who could ever give Him anything or lend
Him anything? All that exists comes from Him; all is by
Him and for Him. To Him be glory for ever! Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew: 16:18*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
**You are Peter, the rock on which I will build My
Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi He
put this question to His disciples, 'Who do people say
the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John
the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets.' 'But you,' He said, 'Who do you say I am?'
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said,
'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of
Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh
and blood that revealed this to you but My Father in
heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this
rock I will build My Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you
the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind
on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever
you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to
tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Father's message

Do I know Jesus?

In this passage, the first question of Jesus is not personal. It is more akin to know the gossip of the town. Easily answered, and of little consequence.

The second is personal: **"But you, who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:15)**

Jesus wants us to shift: from knowing about Jesus to knowing Jesus himself.

"Who do 'you' say that I am?" You. Not two centuries ago. Not even a hundred years ago. Not all the theologians and everybody else that we admire: St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas and all these wonderful people.

In terms of my specific relationship with Jesus, it is my specific answer that matters.

Christ, Lord, Master, God, Redeemer, Saviour: what do these words mean personally to me? When I can answer, the consequence is astonishing: "On this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18) On this faith, on this relationship.

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven." (Matthew 16:19)

Prayer Focus: Our personal relationship with Jesus allows us to be his instruments.

Action Plan: Find a quiet place, and answer honestly: "Who do you say I am?"

PARISH RENEWAL CORNER

FROM THE INSTRUCTION "THE PASTORAL CONVERSION" The value of the Parish today

13. In order to promote the centrality of the missionary presence of the Christian community in the world, it is important not only to think about a new experience of Parish, but also about the ministry and mission of priests, who, together with the lay faithful, have the task of being "salt and light of the world" (cf. Mt 5:13-14), a "lamp on a lamp-stand" (cf. Mk 4:21), showing forth the face of an evangelising community, capable of an adequate reading of the signs of the times and of giving witness to coherent evangelical living.

14. Beginning with a consideration of the signs of the times, it is necessary, in listening to the Spirit, to produce new signs. With the Parish no longer being the primary gathering and social centre, as in former days, it is thus necessary to find new forms of accompaniment and closeness. A task of this kind ought not to be seen as a burden, but rather as a challenge to be embraced with enthusiasm.

15. Imitating their Master, the Lord's disciples, in the school of Saints and shepherds, learned, not without suffering, how to await the times and ways of God, thus nurturing the certainty that He is present until the end of time, and that the Holy Spirit – the beating heart in the life of the Church– gathers together the children of God dispersed throughout the world. As a result, the Christian community should not be afraid to begin and accompany processes within territories that are host to diverse cultures, in the sure and certain hope that, for the disciples of Christ, "nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts".

WEEKDAY MASS:

**Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am
Saturday - 9am**

WEEKEND MASS:

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

RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday 10.00 – 11.00am and
5pm -5.30pm
Or on Request at any time**

Parish Office Hours:

**Wednesday & Friday 9am to 2.30pm
Thursdays 9am to 12pm**

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St Jerome's Feast Day- 1600th Anniversary

This year marks the 1600th anniversary of our Patron Saint - St Jerome - the planning for our celebration is now going ahead. On Sunday 27th September Archbishop Emeritus of Perth, Barry Hickey has been invited and has accepted to be the main celebrant at 10am mass. This will be followed by lunch in the hall. Soon there will be a planning meeting date announced in the parish newsletter and we would ask all parishioners to pray for a successful, prayerful and joyous feast day celebration. In the meantime we are looking for a person or group to be coordinator(s) for the preparation and planning of the meal and our generous parishioners will be invited to provide the main meal dishes and desserts, as they have done in the past, for the celebratory lunch following mass. Any offers to coordinate or suggestions please contact Sandy at the office 9418 1229 or secretary@stjeromesparish.org also Ann Taylor, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary on 0423 885 104 or ppcsecretary@stjeromesparish.org

NATIONAL EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR LEBANON

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on August 4, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, Aid to the Church in Need, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. To read more about the appeal, and to make a donation, please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call 1800 101 201 during business hours: 8am-5pm, AEST.

Archdiocesan Marriage Anniversary Certificates

All parishioners celebrating a special milestone wedding anniversary this year (25, 30, 40, 50+ years) are invited to register for a certificate of blessing from Archbishop Timothy and Bishop Don. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at: <https://clmf.brushfire.com/2020marriagecertificate/>.

All certificate requests MUST be received before September 2, 2020.

FEAST OF THE BIRTHDAY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The feast of the Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Tuesday 8th September at 7.00pm with the Holy Mass and the Holy Rosary prayed at the grotto of 'Mary Mother of Orphans.' A barbeque will follow the Rosary to celebrate this feast. Parishioners are encouraged to bring flowers to place at the grotto on this day.

To prepare for this feast, there will be a novena starting on Wednesday 30th August. For 9 days we will pray the Holy Rosary at 7.00pm at the Parish. The Rosary will be offered for Parish renewal, to end COVID-19 and for private intentions.

48Hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday -

6pm SATURDAY 5th Sept to 6pm MONDAY 7th September

Presentation of the scroll of names will be made at the 12.10 pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on 8th September 2020

All information can be found at www.legionofmarywa.org

JOIN ST JEROME'S SOMASCAN YOUTH GROUP! ☺

If you are between **16-30yrs old** and are interested in being part of a **welcoming, faith-focused** group of young people, St Jerome's SomYouth would love for you to join us!

- Weekly Gatherings: **Wed 7pm**

(Monthly timetable available in the church foyer.)

-Weekly Youth Mass: **Sun 6pm**

To join us, please email stjeromesparish6@gmail.com or **speak to one of our members (usually at the choir area after Sunday Youth Mass)**. ☺

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Salvatore Lazzara, Alessio De Souza, John Alvarez, Marina & Rita Papalia, Sid Gaspar, Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo, Maria Fernandez.

(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 22/08/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lauretta Yon	Wed 26/08/20	7am 9am	Int of Freitas & Yukos Families B'Day Int Alison De Sousa
Sun 23/08/20	8am	Soul of Peter Gavranic Souls of Antonino & Tindaro Mollica Soul of Silvana Harris	Thur 27/08/20	7am 9am	B'Day Int. Chris Mercer In honour of Our Lady of Fatima
	10am	Soul of Angela Galati Soul of Rocco Lavalle B'Day Int Fr Pierangelo Borali	Fri 28/08/20	7am 9am	In honour of Our Lady of Fatima Soul of Fr Vincent Ambose Soul of Maria Tayet
	6pm	Souls of Francesco & Carmela Galati			Int of suffering souls in Purgatory B'Day Int Maria De Sousa
Mon 24/08/20	7am 9am	Souls of George & Ilario De Oliveira Soul of Manuel Rodrigues Loreto	Sat 29/08/20	9am	
Tues 25/08/20	7am 9am	B'Day Int John Separovich Int for the suffering souls in purgatory			

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.

FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- ST MARY'S PARISH CATHEDRAL - CATHEDRAL MANAGER

St Mary's Cathedral is looking for a Cathedral Manager. Applications close 31 August 2020. To obtain further details and/or to lodge an application for this position contact Tony Meyrick, Cathedral Manager on 9223 1344 or email: manager.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au

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