

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YR A – 13th September

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FIRST READING: *Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7*
Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 102*
R: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who helps every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R**

SECOND READING: *Romans 14:7-9*
The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord: and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came

to life, it was so that we might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John 13:34*
Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 18:21-35*
Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. As this the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me:" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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

Father's message

FORGIVING FROM THE HEART.

Jesus knows that we can forgive when we experience forgiveness and keep the enormity of our sins in sight. This cannot be taken for granted, because it is not common, even among children, that individuals believe they never do anything harmful, they are always right, they have nothing that needs forgiveness - though they can pile a heap of complaints about others' being mean or unfair to them. Jesus makes a stark contrast between the amounts in the parable. Let's do the maths.

10,000 talents vs 100 denarii. 1 talent (a weight of silver) = 6,000 denarii.

10,000 talents = 60,000,000 denarii. 1 denarius = 1 day's wages. "He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard." (Matthew 20:2) 60,000,000 denarii / 365 days in a year = 164,384 years @ 1 denarius a day.

Jesus really wanted to impress on us that our sin is really serious, that what we forgive others cannot be compared to what God forgives us. God is not just patient for me to make up for my sin: He forgives it, He makes up for it. We may complain that forgiving is not easy. God's forgiveness was not easy, either: Jesus made up by his Passion and death. Not exactly a piece of cake. "Forgive your brother from your heart." (Matthew 18:35)

Not merely a formal, external declaration of forgiveness. Do I keep my sins in sight? Do I "weep" for my sins?

Do I hold a grudge against anyone? Is there anything unsolved with anyone? A family member? A member of our parish community? A colleague? Perhaps it is time to grant forgiveness - from the heart.

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How about forgiving from the heart at least one person this week? We cannot, but God in us can.

PARISH RENEWAL CORNER

FROM THE INSTRUCTION "THE PASTORAL CONVERSION" - Mission: the guiding principle for renewal

25. The 'culture of encounter' is conducive to dialogue, solidarity and openness to others, as it is person-centred. Naturally, a Parish must be a place that brings people together and fosters long-term personal relationships, thereby giving people a sense of belonging and being wanted.

26. The Parish community is called truly to master the "art of accompaniment". If deep roots are planted, the Parish will become a place where solitude is overcome, which has affected so many lives, as well as being "a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey and a centre of constant missionary outreach"

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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The Holy See

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 106th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2020 [27 September 2020]

If you wish to read Pope Francis' message, please use the URL link below to get the document.

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20200513_world-migrants-day-2020.html

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND: Over 2 weekends

Every year, the collections on Good Friday go to the support of Christians and places in the Holy Land. This year, Good Friday was held in lockdown. It was therefore indicated that this collection will be held close to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which falls on 14 September every year. It will be held over 2 weekends 12/13 September 2020 and 19/20 September 2020. Containers will be at the back of the church and the Hall.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: The call to forgive

How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?

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CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

The Church in Australia marks today Child Protection Sunday. The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

SEAL OF CONFESSION

Thank you to those who made submissions to the Legislative Council regarding amendments to the Children and Community Services Act 2004. The Standing Committee conducting the Inquiry into this bill have been published the findings (report) on the Parliament website

[https://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/\(WebInquiries\)/D1E72E9FA7E26C2C482585DF000E56A7?OpenDocument](https://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/(WebInquiries)/D1E72E9FA7E26C2C482585DF000E56A7?OpenDocument).

HOLDERS OF WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARDS

Please check your cards expiry date. This reminder comes from the Archbishop and the official office of the church. Renewal forms can be collected from the post office or the parish office.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - ST Jerome's Feast Day Celebration

Due to Covid-19 coronavirus and the lifting of Phase 4 restrictions being deferred to October 2020

it is with much sadness and regret that we must advise that the traditional celebratory mass at 10am, followed by lunch in the parish hall has been postponed until further notice. Parishioners are urged to attend their usual mass time on Saturday evening 26th or Sunday 27th September as each mass will be a celebration of St Jerome's feast day. After every mass you are invited to stay for a cup of tea or coffee and cake and fellowship.

This will take place out of doors, near the grotto, in keeping with Government distancing rules.

Many thanks and God Bless

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

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| Sat 12/09/20 | 6pm | Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lauretta Yon Soul of Emilia Piccirilli | Tues 15/09/20 | 7am Soul of Nina Jelincic 9am |
| Sun 13/09/20 | 8am | Soul of Bruno Violanti Soul of Gabriel Abreu Soul of Fr Sebastian Paul | Wed 16/09/20 | 7am Soul of Peter Bui Int. Manuel John 9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families |
| | 10am | Soul of Fernanda Correia Soul of Antonino Ocello Soul of Slavko Pisaric B'Day Int. Antonia Ullaga | Thur 17/09/20 | 7am Soul of Pamela Seal 9am Int of Alessio De Souza |
| | 6pm | Soul of Martin Francisco | Fri 18/09/20 | 7am Soul of Fr Joseph Van Souls of Armando & George Correia Soul of Pamela Seal Int Angelina Fiorenza Int. Manuel John 9am Souls of Carmelo & Antonia Acquado Soul of Jarod Della Madalena |
| Mon 14/09/20 | 7am 9am | Souls of Janet Casey & William Bradley | Sat 19/09/20 | 9am B'Day Int. Robert Benn |

PUBLIC MASSES ARE RESUMING FOR A MAXIMUM OF 120 PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHURCH AT THE USUAL TIMES (PLEASE SEE MASS TIMES). IF MORE THAN 120 PARTICIPANTS THEY WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE PARISH HALL WITH LIVE-STREAMING AND COMMUNION. PROTOCOLS AND HYGIENE WILL APPLY AS PER REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH.

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