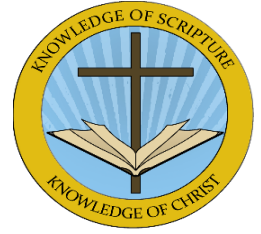


# ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YR A – 20<sup>th</sup> September

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### **FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 55:6-9*

Seek the Lord while He is still to be found,  
call to Him while He is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord Who will take pity on  
him, to our God Who is rich in forgiving; for my  
thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your  
ways - it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 144 R. v 18*

**R: The Lord is near to all who call Him.**

**I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
His greatness cannot be measured. R**

**The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. R**

**The Lord is just in all His ways  
and loving in all His deeds.  
He is close to all who call Him,  
who call on Him from their hearts. R**

### **SECOND READING:** *Philippians 1:20-24,27*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my  
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,  
but then death would bring me something more; but  
then again, if living in this body means doing work  
which is having good results - I do not know what I  
should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to  
be gone and be with Christ, which would be very  
much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body  
is a more urgent need for your sake.  
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be

unworthy of the gospel of Christ.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Acts 16: 14*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of Your Son.  
Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 20:1-16*

Jesus said to His disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is  
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers  
for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the  
workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his  
vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw  
others standing idle in the marketplace and said to  
them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you  
a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and  
again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the  
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and  
found more men standing round, and he said to them,  
"Why have you been standing here idle all day?"  
"Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said  
to them, "You go to my vineyard too". In the evening,  
the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the  
workers and pay them their wages, starting with the  
last arrivals and ending with the first."

So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour  
came forward and received one denarius each. When  
the first came, they expected to get more, but they too  
received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled  
at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said  
"have done only one hour, and you have treated them  
the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's  
work in all the heat." He answered one of them and  
said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we  
not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go.  
I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you.  
Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why  
be envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will  
be first and the first, last.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Father's message

### FORGIVING FROM THE HEART

***"Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. (Isaiah 55:6)***

Emphasis is laid on the fact that we still have time. I might have failed many times to be faithful to the Lord. I might have turned away many times. As long as I am alive, I can get back on track - I better start now.

In the context of our parish renewal, I might have been reluctant to get involved. Perhaps I thought that I am already doing my bit, and I am comfortable to continue my way. Is what the Lord calls me to? Working together in the vineyard of the Lord, in a concerted effort, is much more effective than many people doing their good thing on their own. I still have time; I can start now.

"My friend, I am not being unjust to you [...]. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you." (Matthew 20:13-14)

"I will give you a fair wage." (Matthew 20:4) God's justice is different from ours. "Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." (1Samuel 16:7) God, the righteous judge, has elements for his judgement that we do not know. Therefore, he judges differently.

We do experience the same, at times: we may be angry at a person's behaviour until we get a glimpse of their inward reasons - and then our anger evaporates, we are willing to let go, to forgive. We see the point.

If I happen to be among those who worked from the early hours, perhaps that is because God put me in a privileged condition, and I could see the goal right from the start. God knows that others may not have had the same favourable conditions, and he enabled me to be a beacon of light, a reminder, for them to get there in the end. Can I "grumble" after having been given a better start?

We are called to resemble God in ways of justice. God rejoices in the conversion of the sinner. "He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. [...] Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:45.48)

## PARISH RENEWAL CORNER

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

28. The various components that make up the Parish are called to communion and unity. When each part recognises its complementary role in service of the community, on the one hand, we see the fulfilment of the collaborative ministry of the Parish Priest with his Assistant Priests, while on the other hand, we see how the various charisms of deacons, consecrated men and women and the laity, cooperate in building up the singular body of Christ (cf. 1 Co 12:12).

29. The Parish is a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit to announce the Word of God and bring new children of God to birth in the baptismal font. Assembled by the pastor, the Parish celebrates the memorial of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, bearing witness to faith in charity, living in a permanent state of mission, whilst ensuring that no one is excluded from the salvific, life-giving message. Pope Francis expressed it thus: "The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelises, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptability, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented".

### 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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## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020**

For any issue to be considered, please email Fr. Pierangelo in advance at pierbora@gmail.com

### **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.

### **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**

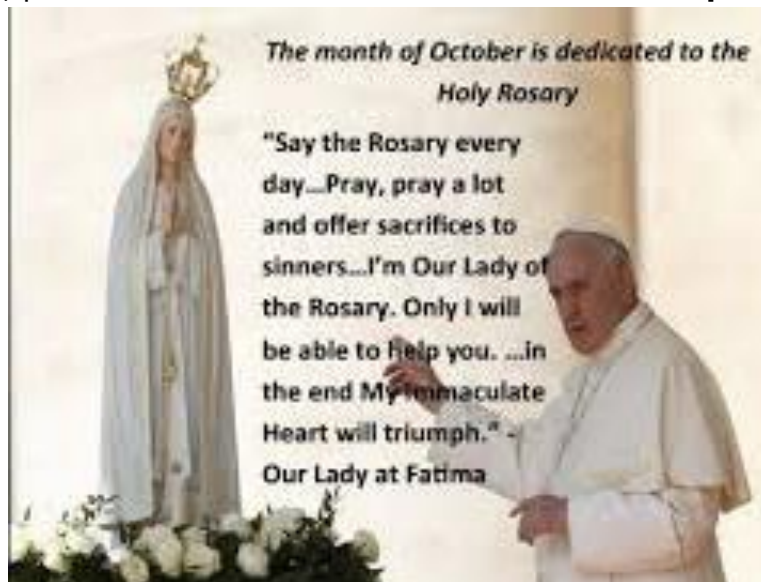
Due to Covid-19 coronavirus and the lifting of Phase 4 restrictions being deferred to October 2020 it is with much sadness and regret that we must advise that the traditional celebratory mass at 10am, followed by lunch in the parish hall has been postponed until further notice. Parishioners are urged 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

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY-**

#### **Permanent Part Time Vacancy (16 hours / 4 days a week)**

#### **The Shopfront, an Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth**

A vacancy exists for an Administration Assistant for the Shopfront, a LifeLink funded, drop-in centre offering onsite and external referral services to its visitors in the Bentley area. The position requires good administration skills, experience with Microsoft Office applications, the ability to maintain databases, statistics and upload information onto the website together with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work under pressure. To receive the Job Description and submit your application by Monday 5 October 2020, please contact Damian Walsh: [damian.walsh@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:damian.walsh@perthcatholic.org.au)



**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 19/09/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon	Tues 22/09/20	7am Int. deceased members of Fox family 9am Soul of Connie Rebola Soul of Jose De Sousa
Sun 20/09/20	8am	Soul of Peter Gavranic Soul of Jerry Abreu Soul of Luciano Cicanese Soul of Lachlan David Di Tullio Souls of Ivan & Kata Bozanic Soul of Lukreci Bogdan Soul of Teresa Della Madalena Soul of Maria Conceicao Perestrelo	Wed 23/09/20	7am 9am Soul of Domingo De Jesus JNR Soul of Brother John Ambrose B'Day Int. Rosaria Catalano Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
	10am	Soul of Fernanda Correia	Thur 24/09/20	7am Souls of George & Ilario De Oliveira 9am Soul of Daniel McCloskey
	6pm	Souls of Jure & Slavica Mandaric	Fri 25/09/20	7am 9am Int of all souls in purgatory
Mon 21/09/20	7am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu	Sat 26/09/20	9am Special Int. for Fernanda Loreto's family
	9am	Souls of Norman, Helen, Michael & James Millar		

**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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