

# ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YR A – 11<sup>th</sup> October

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### **FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 25:6-10*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 22 R.v.6*

**R: I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**  
He guides me along the right path;  
He is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R**  
You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**  
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days  
of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R**

### **SECOND READING** *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Eph 1:17, 18*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?"

And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Father's message**

### **" For many are called, but few are chosen.'**

The wedding feast for the son reminds us of the Eucharist we celebrate every Sunday and of the eternal banquet, the eternal Eucharist we will enjoy in Heaven.

The people who were invited “did not want to come”. Further down it is said that “they were not interested” (literally, they viewed the wedding feast as without significance, without perceived value). We may disapprove of the invitees who manhandled the servants.

However, our culture would approve of those who went about their business, who were not interested. “It is their choice, let them do what they want. Why should the king be offended at people who make their own choices?”

A look at the way weddings were conducted in Jesus' time tells us that celebrations lasted four or five days. No wonder people who have business priorities are reluctant to take part. And this was no ordinary wedding, it was the king's son. It might have lasted longer. Their choice showed their priorities: their business was more important to them, more significant, of higher perceived value. The invitees proved not to be “worthy” (literally, they did not match the weight of the offer they were given. It is the same word used by Jesus when he said that those who love father and mother more than him are not worthy of him - they do not match the weight of his offer).

How could they match the weight? What did they have to do to be worthy?

Merely attending in a wedding garment. They had to prove they valued the offer by changing their priorities. They had to make time, to set other important things aside so as to give priority to the wedding feast.

The people called at the crossroads would not have had any time to prepare gifts or become worthy in any other way. They were both “evil and good people”. No distinction is made at the moment of calling. They got dressed and showed up. They responded. They accepted the invitation and did what was needed at the moment: attended in a wedding garment. No deserving is needed. It is a parable about grace.

The distinction is made later: the wedding garment is needed. I might have been evil, but I can be made good. “Woman, where are they? Has anyone condemned you?” “No one, sir.” “Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.”

Go and sin no more. I am given the wedding garment of forgiveness and redemption. I need to keep wearing it, to keep it on.

We are invited to the feast. Do we literally make time? Do we make time for God in our daily life? Do we make time regularly on a weekend for the Mass? Do we make time to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

**We need to give priority to our relationship with Jesus.**

**Revise our daily and weekly schedules to make our priorities ever clearer.**

**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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**Holy Rosary prayed every evening at 7.00pm**

### **DAILY HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on weekdays (Monday to Friday) at 5.45am on the main altar. You are all welcome to spend an hour in silent adoration followed by Benediction before the 7.00am Mass.

### **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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR CANDIDATES FROM ST. JEROME'S SCHOOL AND PREP WILL TAKE PLACE AT NON-PARISH MASSES ON THE WEEKEND OF 31-01 NOVEMBER.**

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

For any issue to be considered, please email Fr. Vijay or Ann Taylor at [ppcsecretary@stjeromesparish.org](mailto:ppcsecretary@stjeromesparish.org) in advance.

### **NEW PRINCIPAL TO ST. JEROME'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Our community is extremely grateful to Mrs Helen O'Toole for the long service we received from her during her 9 years at St. Jerome's Catholic Primary School, as a Principal. She is retiring at the end of the year from her position. Mr. Chris Cully, Principal of Hammond Park Catholic Primary School has been appointed as Principal of our School from January 2021. Welcome to our community!

### **CULTURAL DIVERSITY MASS**

You are invited to join Bishop Don Sproxton DD VG at a Eucharistic Celebration for Cultural Diversity Mass on **Saturday 24 October at 6.00 pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Perth**

Register at Eventbrite: CulturalDiversityMass2020

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cultural-diversity-mass-tickets-122179555339>

Come and celebrate all cultures that make our church so vibrant. Dress in your cultural attire and enjoy this event with family and friends. There will be food and coffee available for purchase after mass.

### **JEWISH WEDDINGS AT THE TIME OF JESUS**

Once a future bride had been chosen for a young man, there followed a one-year period of betrothal. During this time the couple still lived apart. After the period of betrothal was finished and all the agreements had been reached, the wedding could take place. Weddings typically extended over a period of five to seven days. Autumn was the best time for marriage because the harvest was in, the vintage over, minds were free, and hearts were at rest. It was a season when the evenings were cool, and it was comfortable to sit up late at night. Usually the entire village gathered for a wedding. (excerpt from <https://cathstan.org/posts/what-were-weddings-like-in-jesus-day-2>)

### **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED IS ORGANIZING THE PRAYER CAMPAIGN**

#### **ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY**

How powerful is the prayer of the Rosary prayed by millions of children, and adults, all around the world! Join this prayer campaign on Sunday 18th October. Go to [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children) to learn more.

### **ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT WEST CHAPEL, FREMANTLE CEMETERY**

A Mass will be held on Monday, 2 November at 6.00 pm. All visitors are asked to park in the Carrington Street car park. For further details, please contact Fremantle Cemetery on 1300 793 109.

**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**


<b>Sat 10/10/20</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Soul of Ken Orr	<b>Tues 13/10/20</b>	<b>7am</b>	
		Soul of Laretta Yon		<b>9am</b>	B'Day Int. Melissa Jones
		B'Day Int Angela Loreto			B'Day Int. Fatima
		B'Day Int Daniela Romito Ascenso	<b>Wed 14/10/20</b>	<b>7am</b>	
		B'Day Int. Jolene Da Silva		<b>9am</b>	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
<b>Sun 11/10/20</b>	<b>8am</b>	Soul of Jerry Abreu	<b>Thur 15/10/20</b>	<b>7am</b>	
		Souls of Katia & Mateo Fadic		<b>9am</b>	B'Day Int. Lina Williamson
	<b>10am</b>	Soul of Rosaria Lazzaro			
		Souls of Mate, Lukrecija, Anton & Katae Bozanic			
		Soul of Fernanda Correia			
		B'Day Int. Sandy Catanzaro	<b>Fri 16/10/20</b>	<b>7am</b>	Souls of Armando & George Correia
	<b>6pm</b>	Soul of Marko Donjerkovich		<b>9am</b>	Special Int. Suneeth Fernandez
		Soul of Jelisa Bacich			
		B'Day Int. Barbara & Rosetta Little			
<b>Mon 12/10/20</b>	<b>7am</b>	Thanksgiving mass in hon of Our Lady of Abandoned			
	<b>9am</b>	Soul of Ivo Turdeic			
		B'Day Int Mirjana Fisto Nich	<b>Sat 17/10/20</b>	<b>9am</b>	

**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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