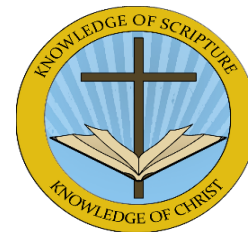


# ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



## All SAINTS DAY YR A – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

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**FIRST READING:** Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 ·  
I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'  
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 23(24):1-6

**Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **R**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:1-3 ·  
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 11:28  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1-12a  
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:  
'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Father's message

### ALL SAINTS - Dare to be a Saint!

Entering a house and meeting a small child, sitting in their nappies and sucking their thumb, is something we call "cute". We rejoice in new life; we welcome the fact that children gradually turn into wonderful adults.

What would be our reaction if, entering a house, we find a 25 years old man sitting in his nappies and sucking his thumb? We would probably think that something, somewhere, has gone the wrong way.

**We are expected to have the maturity related to our own stage in life.**

**This is true of our Christian journey, too.**

In our community we always have "newly born" members. This is healthy, it is a sign that our community is alive and still capable of giving life. Even now we have people who are moving their early steps in their journey with Jesus in the Spirit, getting to know the Scripture, making out good from evil, learning to speak the language of the Faith and of prayer, learning to be fed on the Eucharist and to be cleansed with Confession.

**The majority of us are not "newly born" Catholics.**

**Have we developed the maturity related to our stage in life?**

I ask this question with sadness, knowing that we all did what we were taught.

We were taught that lay Catholics do not know any better. They are merely "sheep" to be led by their "shepherds". So, they must depend on priests - at the most, or nuns. They know better.

Priests are shepherds, yes - because they are sheep that share in the task of the Shepherd. They are servants who have to give the other servants their share of food at the right time. Nothing more. This is what we call clericalism - by clergy and laity at the same time.

What are some basic skills that we are expected to develop as ordinary disciples?

• to worship • to grow • to connect • to serve • to give

Jesus did not say that being his disciples would be a piece of cake. We swim against the current. He did promise complete happiness, though: "life to the full", perfect joy. 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.' (Apocalypse 7:14)

Saints are mature disciples of Jesus. Not just the canonised few thousands. All the millions of women and men who fought the battle to the end. Am I walking towards my maturity as a disciple of Jesus?

**Dare to be a saint - that is, a mature disciple!**

**Which step of maturity can I take during this November?**

### THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THE PARTICULAR JUDGMENT

1021 Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul--a destiny which can be different for some and for others.

1022 Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven--through a purification or immediately, -- or immediate and everlasting damnation.

At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.

**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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**Masses on 02 November 2020 to commemorate the departed souls of our dear ones**

**7.00am, 9.00am and 7.00pm**

### **Special Month to prayer for the souls**

During the month of November, we pray in a special way for our deceased relatives and friends. Please bring your "List of Souls" for the offering of Holy Masses for the Souls in Purgatory and place it in the box provided.

We confirm the procedure which will be followed:

For every "List of Souls" a Holy Mass will be offered.

To cope with this task - given the sizable number of envelopes that are usually submitted- we will resort to the help of our Somaskan confreres in other countries. By email we will inform them of the Mass Intentions to be offered, possibly on a daily basis.

**The daily Mass intentions to appear in the Bulletin will refer to the case of death anniversaries or Special Intentions for living persons and we request that no more than two names per intention (per Mass) is listed**

**NOVEMBER MASSES** for your deceased loved ones can be arranged through Aid to the Church in Need which arranges 1.5 million Masses each year supporting ten percent of the world's priests. Mass offering flyers can be found at the back of the church. Alternatively, **visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org) or call 1800 101 201.**

### **Thank you, Mrs. Helen O'Toole,**

Mrs. Helen O'Toole has been the Principal of our school over 10 years. She has done a great service to our community and achieved many goals in our parish life. As I came into this parish, she has made so comfortable and welcoming at the school community. End of this year She is retiring from her service as the principal. We would like to acknowledge and appreciate her tremendous work and wish to thank her during the mass on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am.** Please join us in thanking her.



**The annual BUSY BEE to clean and prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas Seasons is scheduled for**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of November**

**A list of jobs will be placed in the foyer next week. Our aim is to get as many families as possible to come along and help, so that we can finish the allotted tasks within two to three hours. Please fill in your name on the list if you can assist.**

**Thank you!**

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 10th of 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.

### **THANKSGIVING FOR PROJECT COMPASSION**

Caritas Australia would like to thank you all for your generous support of Project Compassion 2020. The total donation by the parish was **\$2,130.20**. Your generosity has made it possible for Caritas Australia to empower individuals and communities to transform their future and create lasting change.

### **RED WEDNESDAY**

On 25 November the Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith. Find out more: [www.redwednesday.org](http://www.redwednesday.org).

**FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, PRODUCTION OFFICER ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH – CLOSING FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER. SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR DETAILS.**

**PLEASE STAY SAFE COVID-19 SAFETY REGULATIONS APPLY**

- If you are unwell or have any symptoms of cold or flu, please do not enter the church
- Kindly sanitise your hands using the hand sanitiser provided
- Please remember to wipe down the pew before you leave the church
- If you pick up a copy of the bulletin, please take it home.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

Benji Kentwell, 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 31/10/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Tony Loreto	Tues 03/11/20	7am B'Day Int Stephen Cerqueira 9am Soul of Vincenzo Giuseppe Nocafora Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (X-Geralton) Soul of Margaret Alice Phillips Int. for Mazza family
Sun 01/11/20	8am	Soul of Ivo Pavicic Soul of Dolinda Da Silva Soul of Jerry Abreu Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (X-Geralton)	Wed 04/11/20	7am Soul of Nicholas Casey Soul of Felice Morolla 9am Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda & Family Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (X-Geralton) Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
	10am	Soul of Giuseppe Sticca Soul of Pablo Cabatingan Soul of Fernanda Correia Souls of Leonardo, Juliana, Jimmy, Fe Taborada Monleon B'Day Int Edita Phillips Thanksgiving for the gift of life Thanksgiving to all the saints	Thur 05/11/20	7am 9am Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (X-Geralton)
	6pm	Soul of Ted Baars Soul of Rosario Ingrilli Soul of Tony Loreto	Fri 06/11/20	7am 9am Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (X-Geralton) Soul of Josefina Beatriz De Jesus Soul of Fr David Thexeira
Mon 02/11/20	7am	NO INTENTIONS	Sat 07/11/20	9am
	9am	NO INTENTIONS		Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu (X-Geralton)

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