

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



FEAST OF ST JEROME (Patron of our Parish) – 27th September

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FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 18:25-28*
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 118 R. v.1*
R: Lord, teach me Your decrees.

**How shall the young remain
sinless? By obeying Your word.
I have sought You with all my heart:
Let me not stray from Your commands. R**

**I treasure Your promise in my
heart Lest I sin against You.
Blessed are You. O Lord:
Teach me Your statutes. R**

**With my tongue I have recounted
The decrees of Your lips.
I rejoiced to do Your will
As though all riches were mine. R**

SECOND READING: *Timothy 3: 14-17*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true: remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

The Word of the Lord. **R: 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 21:28-32*
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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



Father's message

KEEP THE FIRE GOING!

"When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live." (Ezekiel 18:27)

"Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people..." (Matthew 21:28)

Chief priests and elders were those who knew the Law and observed it rigorously.

- people who knew the Law and practised it in great detail
- they were doing what is right, what is meant to fuel our relationship with God, to nourish it and make it grow
- God "owed" them their salvation in virtue of their observance
- their approach to God was a bargain, not the experience of God's love and mercy for them

"Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you." (Matthew 21:31)

Tax collectors and prostitutes had the only asset of a personal relationship with Jesus.

- they betrayed their faith (God is their only ruler) and their nation (they served the Romans) or the morals of the Law (adultery)
- they could not claim that God owed them anything; they did not care for the Law and its practice - they did not do what was right
- they experienced in Jesus the mercy and love of God who looks for them, does not condemn them, gives them a new chance
- painting of the call of Matthew, "really? Me?"

Each of these two categories has something the other needs. They need to meet.

The leaders had the right works and habits but lacked the experience of God's love. They had the firewood, but no fire to fuel.

The sinners had the experience of God's love and lacked the means to sustain it. They had the fire but no firewood to keep it going.

We have been brought up - with no fault of anyone - to relate to our faith in terms of doing the right thing: going to church, praying, receiving the sacraments, keeping devotions, etc. We were taught to "keep the Law".

Nothing wrong with this. Only, this is what is supposed to fuel our growing relationship with Jesus. This is the core, the goal, the final outcome. The good habits and works we were taught are like the firewood to keep the fire going. We want the fire (our relationship with Jesus). We were taught to pile up firewood, but not to light the fire.

I meet people who were active in our community for years, and then life got in the way, and they gave up. Why pile up firewood if there is no fire? Am I not one of these people who do things because they have to, at times?

We have new people coming in, who were touched by the love and mercy of God. They are on fire, and need means to sustain it, to keep it going. They need the firewood of the good habits and works, of the Sacrament, of the Scripture. They have the fire and have to learn to keep it going.

These two categories need to meet.

I need both: the fire of my relationship with Jesus and the good habits to keep it going.

I am the Pharisee or the Tax collector type? I need to meet the other, right here among us!

PARISH RENEWAL CORNER

FROM THE INSTRUCTION "THE PASTORAL CONVERSION"

"A community of communities": A Parish that is inclusive, evangelising and attentive to the poor

33. Oftentimes, the Parish community is the first place of personal human encounter that the poor have with the face of the Church. Priests, deacons and consecrated men and women are among the first to have compassion for the "wounded flesh" of their brothers and sisters, to visit the sick, to support the unemployed and their families, thereby opening the door to those in need. With their gaze fixed upon them, the Parish community evangelises and is evangelised by the poor, discovering anew the call to preach the Word in all settings, whilst recalling the "supreme law" of charity, by which we shall all be judged.

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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HAPPY FEAST DAY!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of our parish patron, SAINT JEROME, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH and we wish all parishioners a joyful and fruitful celebration.

PRAYER TO SAINT JEROME

Saint Jerome, the Patron of our Community,
we ask you to pray for us to the Lord our God, to give us Knowledge, Wisdom and Courage on our journey, so that we are kept always in His care and that we reach safely our home in heaven. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be conferred to our children during the third term holidays where the parents of the children make an appointment with the RE- Coordinator. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot have a common celebration, instead we have allocated 15 minutes for each child. Where the parents will present their child to the priests. It will be a good opportunity to meet the parents of the children and get to know them personally.

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 6th OCTOBER 2020

For any issue to be considered, please email Fr. Vijay or Ann Taylor at ppcsecretary@stjeromesparish.org in advance.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

Pope Francis has selected "Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee" as the theme for the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which is celebrated today. His reflections originate in the experience of Jesus Christ and his parents as displaced persons and refugees. To read Pope Francis' full message, please go to the Vatican website.



OCTOBER, the MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Soon it will be that time when we are reminded of the importance of uniting our prayers with the Mother of God and conforming ourselves to Christ as revealed in the mysteries of His life. We grow in our appreciation of Christ through meditating on these mysteries.

We do, however, need to be careful that our prayer does not become wordy and mechanical. Pope Paul VI said, "*Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul.*"

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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.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There will be a public rosary on **Saturday 10th October 2020 at 9.45am** at the Grotto. Please join us!

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 26/09/20 6pm	Soul of Ken Orr	Tues 29/09/20 7am	
	Soul of Laretta Yon	9am	Soul of Mihovil Pobrica
Sun 27/09/20 8am	Soul of Horacio Malho		Int. Coelho family
	Soul of Elio Boni		B'Day Int. Sara Martino
	Soul of Paul Fiorenza	Wed 30/09/20 7am	Soul of Fr Thomas Cooper
	Soul of Jerry Abreu		9am Soul of Aries Abreu
			Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
10am	Soul of Tindara Merenda		Int. of all Loreto family.
	Int. for the Correia Family	Thur 01/10/20 7am	
	Int. for Anibal Rodrigues Loreto		9am Soul of Elizabeth Pereira
6pm			Int. Joseph Catalano
			B'Day Int. Lenuta Gligor
			B'Day Int. Alyce Basilio
Mon 28/09/20 7am	Soul of Manuela	Fri 02/10/20 7am	Int. Olga Correia
	Soul of Theresa Nga		All souls in purgatory
	Int. Jai Lovette		9am Souls of Maria Gomes Rebelo & Jose fernandes Correia
		Sat 03/10/20 9am	Holy Souls in purgatory
9am	For all souls in purgatory		

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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