

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR B- 29th November

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8*
You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come
down – at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act
like this for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity and keep your
ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us
away like the wind.
No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch
hold of you.
For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the
power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, You are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.79 R. v. 4*

**R: Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you
grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have
received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have
been enriched in so many ways, especially in your
teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed
been strong among you so that you will not be without
any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you
steady and without blame until the last day, the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Ps 84:8*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mark 13:33-37*
Jesus said to His disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay
awake, because you never know when the time will
come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from
home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own
task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So
stay awake, because you do not know when the master
of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow,
dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you
asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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



Father's message

"Stay awake!" (Mark 13:33.35.37)

Jesus used this expression

- 3 times in these five verses
- 23 times in the New Testament
- including at his agony in the Getsemane.

It is obviously something Jesus really wants his disciples to learn.

Advent: a season of expectation - recalling the first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem, his second coming at the end of time, his coming at the end of our own life, his coming into my present circumstances.

We may wait in fear - which may stop us from living our life to the full.

We may wait in expectant delight - active, imaginative and creative.

"It is like a man travelling abroad." (Mark 13:34)

The image of a master who goes abroad is another common topic in the imagination of Jesus. He left us - me - in charge of his property.

The Master is not trying to catch us off guard: it is the nature of the journey, there is no clear return date. I do not want to miss the opportunity ("kairos").

"Stay awake!" The Lord is meeting us in our daily life - we do not want to miss Him.

Advent wreath, nativity scene, star outside our house - reminders to stay awake.

ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. Advent begins with First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Sunday that falls on or closest to 30 November and it ends before First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of Christmas. The Sundays of this time of year are named the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent. The weekdays from 17 December up to and including 24 December are ordered in a more direct way to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord. (The Roman Missal)

Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. The blessing may be celebrated during Mass, a celebration of the word of God, or Evening Prayer.

Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent and the number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. (The Book of Blessings)

In an Emergency only (anointing of the sick), when the Parish phone is unattended please call the parish emergency number of 0478 456 079 or send a text to this number. Thank you

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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REQUIREMENT TO KEEP RECORDS OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE FROM 5th DECEMBER 2020

To support contact tracing in case of an outbreak of covid-19, records are required by the WA government.

The easiest way will be that all who can download an app - SafeWA. The app will easily record attendance by scanning a QR code. Using the app would make it so much easier for us to manage the requirement. We humbly request all who can to do so.

All who cannot use the app will be required to write down their details on the sheets provided. We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2020

29 November - 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

16 – 24 December Missa do Galo at 5.30 am (Portuguese Tradition Mass)

21-23 December, 6.00pm – 8.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Church

Thursday 24 December, 6.00 pm – Family Mass

Thursday 24 December, 8.00pm - Christmas Mass preceded by carols played at 7.30pm

Thursday 24 December, Midnight - Christmas Mass preceded by carols played at 11.30pm

Friday 25 December, 8.00am - Christmas Mass

Friday 25 December, 10.00am - Christmas Mass

NO 6.00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 28 December, 7.00am and 09.00am – Feast of Holy Innocents (Blessing of children after 9.00am Mass)

Thursday 31 December, 11.00pm - Thanksgiving Holy Hour

Thursday 31 December, 12.00 midnight - New Year's Eve Mass

CALLED AND GIFTED - A GIFT DISCERNMENT PROGRAMME

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Rockingham

Open to all people over 21 years. Thursdays, 6.30pm - 9.00pm.

We need to know who wants to commit by 6th December, as we need to get enough materials for all. The cost of the material will be \$50.00 per person. Please contact Fr. Vijay D'Souza, CRS 9418 1229 or email johnson.dsouza@perthcatholic.org.au. More details about the course can be found at <https://siena.org/called-gifted>

Margaret Fane – Art Exhibition and Raffle (*All proceeds will be donated to The Orphanage in India*)

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th November and Sunday 6th December after Mass tickets can be purchased in the Church foyer

For more information please see the notice board.

St Lucy's Feast Day has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal and Sacred Heart devotion – Friday 4th December at 6.00pm, an hour of adoration followed by Mass

Phillipino Mass will be on Sunday 13th December at 3.00pm, mass will be celebrated by Fr Albert Delicano

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 28/11/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr	Mon 30/11/20	7am		
		Soul of Lauretta Yon		9am	Soul of Rosario Agostino	
		Soul of Antonio Da Silva Abreu				
		Soul of Jose Da Silva Abreu	Tues 01/12/20	7am		
		Int. in Hon of our Lady		9am	Soul of Antonio Rodrigues Loreto JNR	
		Thanksgiving Int. Annie & William Nicholson			B'Day Int. Shanique	
		Int. Salvador Neves Basilio				
		Int Diane Buckley (Nippy)	Wed 02/12/20	7am		
		Special Int.		9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families	
					For the holy souls in purgatory	
Sun 29/11/20	8am	Souls of Helen & Phill Chitty			Special. Int. Chris Sparkes	
		Soul of Igidio Basilio				
		Soul of Horacio Malho				
		Soul of Elio Boni	Thur 03/12/20	7am		
		Soul of Danko Jelincic		9am	Souls of George & Armando Correia	
		10am	Soul of Jerry Abreu			Soul of Nathan De Abreu
			Soul of Tindara Merenda			
			Souls of Gaetano & Giuseppe Belfiore			
			Soul of Maria Lanza-Volpe	Fri 04/12/20	7am	Soul of Felice Morrolla
			Soul of Antonio Goubin		9am	Soul of Elizabeth Silva
		Souls of Tina & Frank Biasucci			Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda & family	
		Soul of Isabel De Jesus			B'day Int Kayla	
		Soul of Maria Abreu				
		Int. Katherine Basilio	Sat 05/12/20	9am		
		Thanksgiving Int. Tina & Frank Biasucci				
	6pm	Soul of Jose Raumundo Francisco Chavez				
		Soul of Mr Robbins				
		Soul of Eugene De Jesus Abreu				
		B'Day Int. Linda Coelho				

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