

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR B- 6th December

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11*

'Console my people, console them,'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her
time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that
she has received from the hand of the Lord double
punishment for her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every
mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a
plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord
shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is
your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
His arm subduing all things to Him.
The prize of his victory is with Him,
His trophies all go before Him.
He is like a shepherd feeding His flock,
gathering lambs in His arms,
holding them against His breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.84:9-14. R. v.8*

**R: Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us Your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for His people.
His help is near for those who fear Him
and His glory will dwell in our land. **R**
Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
And justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before Him
and peace shall follow His steps. **R**

SECOND READING: *2 Peter 3: 8-14*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget:
that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a
thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to
carry out His promises, as anybody else might be called
slow; but He is being patient with you all, wanting nobody
to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways.
The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a
roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall
apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.
Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should
be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for
the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in
flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are
waiting for is what He promised: the new heavens and new
earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So
then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live
lives without spot or stain so that He will find you at peace.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Luke 3:4, 6*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His
paths; all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:1-8*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the
Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:
Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; He will
prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare
a way for the Lord, make His paths straight, and so it was
that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of
sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their
way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river
Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of
camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the
course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me,
someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit
to kneel down and undo the strap of His sandals. I have
baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Father's message

"The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (Mark 1:1)

All the readings today express the joy of a new development. Liberation from exile, a new, just and peaceful world, the coming of Jesus.

What would be good news to me? What is my deepest longing?

"I am going to send my messenger before you. (Mark 1:2)

I am the receiver of the messenger and the message, the Good News. How can I make sure others do not miss it? I am also a messenger to others, the bearer of this Good News.

How do I get ready for this mission?

"Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." (Mark 1:3; Isaiah 40:3-4)

"My friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace." (2Peter 3:14)

I need to get ready, or I will miss it. I would not have eyes to see it, I would look without seeing, hear without grasping. In fact, John the Baptist preached "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." I need to get rid of spots and stains – I may miss the message; I may fail to pass it on.

What are my spots and stains?

People were "confessing their sins". Something we can do during Advent.

I need to take real steps to acknowledge my dark spots.

We will soon have our reconciliation. Whether here or elsewhere, we need it. If we do not take this step, we would not repent, we would miss the Good News. Joy will come, and we will miss it.

Laying mountains low, filling valleys: humbly making ourselves ready for Christ to be revealed to us, and through us.

To receive the Good News we are waiting for, and to share it, we need to get ready.

"Live lives without spot or stain" - make use of Advent reconciliation opportunities.

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 materials 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>

Initial Discernment	Gift Interviews	Discernment in Depth
Jan 7	Three weeks' time	Feb 25
Jan 14	No group sessions	Mar 4
Jan 21		Mar 11
Jan 28		Mar 18
Feb 4		Mar 25

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 5 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.

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8th - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Masses 7.00 and 9.00am. Holy Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass.

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



PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

To prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus Christ there is a Portuguese Tradition of having Mass every morning for nine days ending on Christmas Eve prior to Christmas Day. The Mass will be said in English and the choir will sing songs dedicated to the birth of Christ in Portuguese. Everyone is welcome to join in these Masses and help in preparing ourselves for this important day. These Masses will commence on the **16th December and will continue until the 24th December, at 5.30am each day.**

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 on the School Oval (Please bring your own chairs and blankets)

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

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

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 05/12/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Antonio Rodrigues Loreto Soul of Elena Cocciolone B'Day Int. Connie Ascenso	Mon 07/12/20	7am	Soul of Leoncia Padillo Soul of Antony Int. Joao Bonfacio Gomes Pereira
				9am	Soul of Leoncia Baditto Soul of Jose Luis & Jorgina Maciel Int. Catherine Bernadette O'Brien
Sun 06/12/20	8am	Soul of Leoncia Padillo Soul of Maria Jose Abreu Soul of Leoncia Baditto	Tues 08/12/20	7am	Soul of Leoncia Padillo Int. Separovich Family
	10am	Souls of Maria Conceicao & Alfredo Perestrelo Thanksgiving Int for St Lucy		9am	Soul of Leoncia Baditto Soul of Alberto Maciel Soul of Neil Maciel
	6pm	Soul of Elizabeth Silva Soul of Henry Law Yui Wan Souls of Aurelia & Augusto Cipriani Soul of Marko Donjerkovich Soul of Jelica Bacich Soul of Donko Donjerkovich Soul of Kata Donjerkovich B'Day Int. Antonio Coelho	Wed 09/12/20	7am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Holy souls in purgatory
			Thurs 10/12/20	7am	Soul of Vinko Separovich
				9am	Soul of Manuel Fernandes Correia Int. Jose Manuel Maciel & family
			Fri 11/12/20	7am	B'Day Int. Anthony Coelho
			Sat 12/12/20	9am	Soul of Sean Hanish Neil B'Day Int. Michael Separovich

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