

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



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FIRST READING:

Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 39:2, 4,7-10.R.vv.8, 9

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
He heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
You know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jn 1:41, 17

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Father's message

“Samuel, Samuel!” (1 Samuel 3:3)

Young Samuel was not able to recognise God's call. He needed the experience of Eli, who himself took a moment before he realised what was happening. Once he was helped to relate personally to God, “Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.” (1 Samuel 3:19)

The two disciples of John followed Jesus because John helped them to recognise who he was. “Look, there is the lamb of God.” (John 1:36)

Then they were able to take their journey further: “Rabbi, where do you live?” “Come and see.” (John 1:38-39) They had a personal experience of Jesus, a life-changing experience, as one of them even remembered the exact time: “It was about the tenth hour.” (John 1:39).

Once they have this personal experience, they can't help sharing it with others. “Early next morning”, an expression of how eager Andrew was. Andrew was there and told his brother Simon. He was even more explicit than John the Baptist: “We have found the Messiah.” And Simon's life was forever changed - even to his name. I cannot relate to Jesus all by myself. I need a community to introduce me and support me. Once I meet Jesus, I myself will bring others to him.

“Rabbi, where do you live?” “Come and see.” (John 1:38-39)

Where do I find Jesus? In my family? In our church community?

If I invite people to come to church with me, will they find Jesus?

People who leave the Church are likely to give a reason that is some version of this one: “I never met Jesus in a living way as a Catholic.”

Of course, many of us can say the opposite.

What can I do to make sure that those I love, my family, my friends, can experience Jesus's presence in me, in my family, in our church community?

We meet Jesus with the help of one another.

Before leaving church today, would you say hello to someone who is new to you?

Would you do this every Sunday?

LAMB OF GOD

The prophets used this image of the lamb to describe the Messiah. Isaiah prophesied, “Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearer, he was silent and opened not his mouth” (Isaiah 53:7).

We must not forget that this image evokes victory.

The Book of Revelation highlights this notion picturing the Lamb surrounded by angels, the “living creatures,” and elders, who cried out, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honour and glory and praise!” (Revelation 5:12). Jesus is the King of kings, and Lord of lords (Revelation 17:14) who will be victorious against the powers of evil and will invite the righteous to the wedding feast of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9), the union of the Church, the new Jerusalem, in heaven with the Lord.

For this reason, the Agnus Dei is sung during the fraction, the breaking of the consecrated Host. As we celebrate the mysteries of the Mass, we look to the Lamb who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. We must gather around the altar of the Lamb, offering to Him our own hearts and pledging to be His servants, so that we may welcome Him and become wedded to Him in the Holy Eucharist. (<https://catholicstraightanswers.com/why-is-jesus-called-the-lamb-of-god/>)

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am
Saturday - 9am

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WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6pm Vigil

Sunday - 8am, 10am and
6pm (Youth Mass)

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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 10.00 – 11.00am and
5pm -5.30pm
Or on Request at any time

Parish Pastoral Council

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Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday & Friday 9am to 2.30pm
Thursday 9am to 12pm

PARISH A.G.M. will take place on **Wednesday 10th February at 7pm, in the Barry Whitely Hall** and all active groups in the parish are invited to submit their annual reports for tabling at this meeting. All parishioners are invited to participate in the AGM, which is to be considered an important opportunity for the evaluation and planning of our parish life. We will be electing new members for the Council and nomination forms are available in the foyer. Please note that nominees should be active members of the parish.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021

The Sacramental Programme 2021 for children in public schools in Years 3 to 6 will commence on the following dates:

Years 3 to 5: Tuesday 9th February, 3:45 to 4:45pm

Year 6: Saturday 13th February, 7:45 to 8:45am

Enrolment forms are available on the parish website: www.stjeromesparish.org .

Please submit the completed enrolment form at the parish office from 9th to 12th February, 3:30 to 4:30pm.

There is a fee of \$40.00. Children who are enrolling for the first time will need to bring a copy of their Baptism certificate. Please inform your friends and relatives who have children in primary schools.

More details are available in the flyer at the church foyer or on the website.

POPE FRANCIS ABOUT ST. JOSEPH IN HIS LETTER "PATRIS CORDE" WITH A FATHER'S HEART:

3. An obedient father

As he had done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, which in the Bible and among all ancient peoples, were considered a way for him to make his will known.[13]

Joseph was deeply troubled by Mary's mysterious pregnancy. He did not want to "expose her to public disgrace",[14] so he decided to "dismiss her quietly" (Mt 1:19).

In the first dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:20-21). Joseph's response was immediate: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Mt 1:24). Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

In the second dream, the angel tells Joseph: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him" (Mt 2:13). Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved: "He got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod" (Mt 2:14-15).

In Egypt, Joseph awaited with patient trust the angel's notice that he could safely return home. In a third dream, the angel told him that those who sought to kill the child were dead and ordered him to rise, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel (cf. Mt 2:19-20). Once again, Joseph promptly obeyed. "He got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel" (Mt 2:21).

During the return journey, "when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After being warned in a dream" – now for the fourth time – "he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth" (Mt 2:22-23).

The evangelist Luke, for his part, tells us that Joseph undertook the long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered in his family's town of origin in the census of the Emperor Caesar Augustus. There Jesus was born (cf. Lk 2:7) and his birth, like that of every other child, was recorded in the registry of the Empire. Saint Luke is especially concerned to tell us that Jesus' parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God (cf. 2:21-24).[15]

In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. Lk 2:51), in accordance with God's command (cf. Ex 20:12).

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (cf. Jn 4:34). Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own,[16] becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (5:8).

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation." [17]

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



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.

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.)

Recently Married

Congratulations Suneeth Fernandez and Amanda Ratajczak

Married on 16th January 2021

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 16/01/21	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon	Tues 19/01/21	7am	Souls of Alfredo de Aguiar and Maria Rodrigues Coelho 9am Int. Filomena Capalinha & family
Sun 17/01/21	8am	Soul of Floriano Ferreira Soul of Dinko Pavicic Souls of Jerry Abreu & Matilda Abreu	Wed 20/01/21	7am	Soul of Joao Batista De Aguiar 9am Int. Filomena Capalinha and the Holy souls in purgatory Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
	10am	Soul of Jerry Abreu Soul of Evelyn Fajardo	Thurs 21/01/21	7am	9am B'Day Int. Christian Catanzaro Soul of Sr Caniscius Mladinich Souls of George & Armando Correia Soul of Nathan De Abreu Soul of Aries Abreu
	6pm				
Mon 18/01/21	7am				
	9am	B'Day int, Joao Luis De Sousa Soul of Mario Mastaglia	Fri 22/01/21	7am 9am	
			Sat 23/01/21	9am	

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