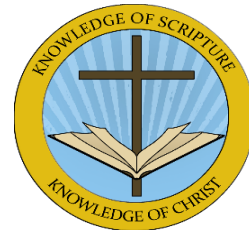


# ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YrB – 24<sup>th</sup> January**

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**FIRST READING:** *Jonah 3:1-5.10*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps.24:4-9.R. v. 4*

**R: Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

**SECOND READING:** *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying

life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Mt: 1:15*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**The kingdom of God is near:**  
**believe the Good News.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** *Mark 1:14-20*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Father's message

Time to drop our nets.

"They left their nets and followed him." (Mark 1:18)

"Leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him." (Mark 1:20)

The four gospels, read together, give us a few more details than these about the decision of these men to follow Jesus.

Last Sunday's gospel passage is an example of those details.

We may therefore be justified to think that their decision was probably not as abrupt as it appears from this passage alone. Be as it may, one thing is clear: Simon, Andrew, James and John made a free and conscious decision to "drop their nets" and throw in their lot with Jesus. They chose Jesus as their Master. They became his disciples. They still had a long way to go. They were not saints. They still had a lot to learn, like we can see in the gospels. They would fail and fall and start again. Yet, they had made up their mind. They had made their choice.

I am not a disciple unless I choose to.

Not because I was born in a Catholic family.

Not because I went to a Catholic school.

Not because I was born in a Catholic country.

Not even just because I was baptised and went through all the sacraments, "went through the mill".

If I were a Catholic because of my culture, I would not last.

It does not work that way. We can only be disciples because we choose it.

Have I intentionally chosen to be a Catholic?

If not, today is a great day to do so.

To be a disciple of Jesus, I need to choose it - to want it in practice.

**What step can I take today to "drop my nets"?  
How to keep Jesus at the centre of every breath I take.**

## NINIVEH

The historical Nineveh was the capital of the neo-Assyrian empire in the late seventh century B.C.E. There was no love lost between the ancient Israelites and Nineveh. The city's king, Sennacherib, laid siege to Jerusalem in 701 B.C.E. (2Kgs 18:13-19:37, Isa 36-37).

The prophetic book of Nahum is an Israelite taunt-song over Nineveh's destruction by the Babylonians in 612 B.C.E. For Nahum, Nineveh is a "city of bloodshed" (Nah 3:1). The Assyrians' ruthless military tactics are also pictured in reliefs from the king's palace in Nineveh, now in the British Museum.

The other biblical depiction of Nineveh is in the book of Jonah. There, Nineveh is described as huge—taking three days to walk across—and thoroughly evil. But Jonah gives no specifics about the city's evil beyond the king's command that citizens turn away "from the violence that is in their hands" (Jonah 3:8).

Outside of the Bible, Nineveh was known for having been a great, lawless, and ruined city. Greek literary giants like Herodotus and Aristotle catalogue its sinfulness, describing Sardanapalus, its legendary last king, in unflattering (and problematic) terms. (<https://www.bibleodyssey.org/en/places/related-articles/nineveh-as-sin-city>)

### WEEKDAY MASS:

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

### Religious Co-ordinator

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### WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6pm Vigil

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

### Safeguarding Officers

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### RECONCILIATION:

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

### Parish Pastoral Council

Secretary: Ann Taylor

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### Parish Office Hours:

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

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 6.00pm** – Mass, Novena & Benediction in Honour of the Miraculous Medal. Fr Ted Miller celebrating.

**PARISH A.G.M.** will take place on **Tuesday 9th February at 7pm, in the Barry Whitely Hall** and all active groups in the parish are invited to submit their annual reports to [ppcsecretary@stjermesparish.org](mailto:ppcsecretary@stjermesparish.org). 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.stjermesparish.org](http://www.stjermesparish.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.

### **REACHING OUT TO OUR ELDERS AND HOME BOUND**

Dear parishioners, according to the census ([www.ncpr.catholic.org.au](http://www.ncpr.catholic.org.au)), we have nearly 500 Catholics who need assistance with core activities within our parish boundaries. In the past, they were regular members of our parish and contributed to build this community, but now due to the age factor or other forms of disability they cannot drive to church. It is our collective responsibility to reach out to them and offer our services. If you know any one among your friends, family or neighbourhood, who needs pastoral care or holy communion please give their details to me or the parish office. *Fr Vijay D'Souza CRS*

### **SEA OF GALILEE**

The Sea of Galilee is fed by the Jordan River, rainfall and springs on the northern side. More properly designated a lake, the Kinneret (the Old Testament and modern name) is 13 miles (21 km) long and 7 miles (11 km) wide.

At its deepest point, the lake is only 150 feet (45 m) deep. The rabbis said of it, "Although God has created seven seas, yet He has chosen this one as His special delight."

The peaceful calm of the Sea of Galilee can quickly become transformed by a violent storm. Winds funnel through the east-west aligned Galilee hill country and stir up the waters quickly. More violent are the winds that come off the hills of the Golan Heights to the east. Trapped in the basin, the winds can be deadly to fishermen. A storm in March 1992 sent waves 10 feet (3m) high crashing into downtown Tiberias and causing significant damage.

<https://www.bibleplaces.com/seagalilee/>

On Australia Day we give thanks to God especially for the privilege of being part of this country in which we enjoy freedom and peace and we pray that God will guide our country leaders to follow his will.



**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:**

Jim Hill, 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**

<b>Sat 23/01/21</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Maria Del Rosso Soul of Nina D’Alessandro Holy souls in purgatory	<b>Tues 26/01/21</b>	<b>7am</b>	Holy souls in purgatory 9am Soul of Beatriz Da Silva In thanksgiving to St Cosma & Damiano
<b>Sun 24/01/21</b>	<b>8am</b>	Souls of Floriano & Delfim Ferreira Soul of Isaura De Oliveira-Silva Souls of Jerry Abreu & Matilda Abreu Soul of Antonio Rechichi	<b>Wed 27/01/21</b>	<b>7am</b>	Holy Souls in purgatory 9am Soul of Joseph Mollica Soul of Joe basilio Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
	<b>10am</b>	Soul of Giuseppe Berorois Soul of John Basilio B’Day Int Mary Jane Galicia	<b>Thurs 28/01/21</b>	<b>7am</b>	Holy Souls in purgatory 9am SPECIAL Int
	<b>6pm</b>	Souls of Jorge & Hilario De Oliveira			
<b>Mon 25/01/21</b>	<b>7am</b>	Holy Souls in purgatory	<b>Fri 29/01/21</b>	<b>7am</b>	Holy Souls in purgatory
	<b>9am</b>	Soul of Katherine Basilio Int. Maria Basilio In thanksgiving to St Anthony & St Joseph		<b>9am</b>	
			<b>Sat 30/01/21</b>	<b>9am</b>	Soul of Jakica Separovich Holy Souls in purgatory

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