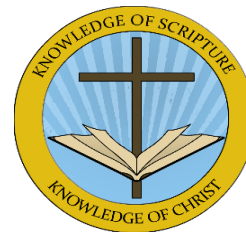


ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YrB – 31st January

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FIRST READING: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again," you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.94 R. v 9*

**R: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for He is our God and we
the people who belong to His pasture,
the flock that is led by His hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to His voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me,
though they saw my work.' **R**

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways.

In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit.

The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband.

I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Mt 4:16*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:21-28*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new,' they said 'and with authority behind it: He gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey Him.' And His reputation rapidly spread everywhere through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Recently Deceased – R.I.P.

Matko Bobanac (brother of Milija Bobanac)
Maria Odete Canada
Guido Madrigali
Leonardo Turtur

Father's message

Jesus teaches "with authority".

"His teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority."
(Mark 1:22)

"Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him." (Mark 1:27)

Authority: power to act - a person comes into their own jurisdiction and so can make things happen.

Genesis 1:3: "God said, "Let there be light," and there was light." In God there is no separation between word and action, intention, and action.

People were impressed by the fact that Jesus did not merely speak - his teaching made things happen: "he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him." (Mark 1:27)

Should I desire the same authority as Jesus - dream that my preaching, my teaching bear the same results? It is a common temptation - to want control over people, to manipulate their choices according to what we think is best. It was the temptation of Simon the sorcerer in Acts 8. Rather, my ministry should help people to see that **Jesus retains the same authority, the same power to act. Jesus' words still do what they are meant to do.**

How can I show the authority of Jesus?

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Paul repeatedly recalled his past as a persecutor of the Church, and his weaknesses and limitations. People also saw the power of Jesus had changed him and worked in him, and they believed.

He asked them to be his imitators - he, weak and frail, who surrendered to the power of Jesus, and was transformed.

My weakness can prove Jesus' authority and power.

It is in my weakness, not in my smartness, that I experience and manifest the power of Jesus.

Surrender to Jesus: call my weakness by name and let Jesus work.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 7 in 2021.

Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings

SYNAGOGUE

Synagogue also spelled synagog, in Judaism, a community house of worship that serves as a place not only for liturgical services but also for assembly and study. Its traditional functions are reflected in three Hebrew synonyms for synagogue: bet ha-tefilla ("house of prayer"), bet ha-kneset ("house of assembly"), and bet ha-midrash ("house of study"). The term synagogue is of Greek origin (synagein, "to bring together") and means "a place of assembly."
(<https://www.britannica.com/topic/synagogue>)

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)

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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

The Presentation of the Lord and Blessing of the Candles – Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7am and 9am masses.

EMILIANI INTERCESSORS FOR RENEWAL

The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal will meet this **Friday 5th February 6.00pm** to pray together with Our Blessed Mother for Parish, Families and Personal renewal of Our Church back to the holiness of apostolic times, together with offering intercessory prayers for specific needs and requests within our parish community.

Do you want to pray and intercede with us for needs of people in our community and for the whole world? Come join us! All are welcome



SAINT JEROME EMILIANI FEAST DAY MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 9.00AM MASS, followed by Morning Tea afterwards. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you

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@stjeromesparish.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.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.

National Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 9th February 2021

To keep children safe online, please check www.esafety.gov.au.



Project Compassion Virtual Immersions

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff.

Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to lent.caritas.org.au.

For more information contact:

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**PROJECT COMPASSION
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2022 Iona Presentation College Scholarships

Iona Presentation College is proud to offer Academic and Music scholarships for Year 7 and Year 10, 2022. Applications are now open, and close on Friday 26 February.

For more information and details on how to apply, please go to:

www.iona.wa.edu.au/scholaships

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Jim Hill, Benji Kentwell, Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Salvatore Lazzara, Alessio De Souza, 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 30/01/21	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Alberto Giglia Soul of Lydia Magny	Wed 03/02/21	7am Special Int Soul of Nathan De Abreu 9am Soul of Leonardo Turtur Soul of Miro Stipinovi Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
Sun 31/01/21	8am	Special Int. Soul of Leonardo Turtur Soul of Horacio Malho Souls of Jerry Abreu & Matilda Abreu	Thurs 04/02/21	7am Special Int Soul of Nathan De Abreu 9am Soul of Leonardo Turtur Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda & Family Soul of Nazare Garces
	10am	Soul of Maria Odete Canada Soul of Tindara Merenda		
	6pm		Fri 05/02/21	7am Special Int Soul of Nathan De Abreu 9am Soul of Leonardo Turtur Int. Fr Valerio
Mon 01/02/21	7am	Special Int. Nicholas Catanzaro Soul of Nathan De Abreu		
	9am	Soul of Leonardo Turtur Soul of Nicola Reale Int. Fr Giovanni Borali	Sat 06/02/21	9am Soul of Nathan De Abreu B'Day Int Melissa Barlow B'Day int. Luis De Florenca Special Int.
Tues 02/02/21	7am	Special Int. Christian Catanzaro Soul of Nathan De Abreu		
	9am	B'Day Int. Fernanda Loreto Soul of Leonardo Turtur		



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.

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