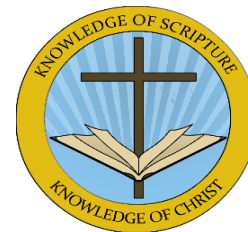


ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



1st SUNDAY OF LENT YrB – 21st February 2021

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FIRST READING: *Genesis 9:8-15*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so, the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps. 24 R. v.10*

R: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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 of 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 Peter 3:18-22*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that He has made the angels and Dominations and Powers His subjects.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 4:4*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:12-15*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after Him.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Father's message

What is my Lenten battle?

"Surely, we don't believe in that kind of thing anymore, do we?"

The Archbishop mentioned this question in his Lenten letter. It was asked by a parent after he had recalled the original sin in an explanation about the renewal of our baptismal promises.

The reality is that our world has a very firm faith in the original sin, and in the power of sin in general - though it does not use these words.

We are often suspicious of the intentions of others. We make laws taking into account the fact that people will try to get around them for evil purposes - will try to cheat.

The more atheistic the government, the stricter its control over its citizens - communist regimes in Eastern Europe had a whole network of spies to keep track of everyone, and once they had fallen, people could access the immense amount of data about themselves collected by government agencies.

We know we have an inborn inclination to have our own way, act selfishly, inconsiderately, even evilly. This is what we call sin, including the original one. We know that sin is real. Like the Israelites, we enact laws in the hope of getting rid of sin, of evil.

Jesus came to show us the way out of this vicious circle of sin. The Law did not manage it.

"The waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh." (Genesis 9:15)

"That water is a type of the baptism that saves you now, [...] a pledge made to God from a good conscience." (1 Peter 3:21)

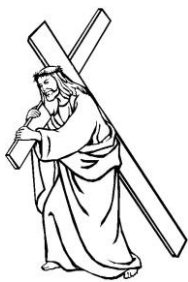
'The time has come, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' (Mark 1:15)

The time has come - Lent. A time for spiritual battle and training.

**What is my resolution during this Lent?
What battle am I waging against sin in my life?
Sin is real. It is real in me.**

PLANNING FOR OUR CONFESSION

Lent is a great time for conversion and growth. Acknowledging our weakness and sin, receiving forgiveness is essential to our Catholic journey. We will have multiple opportunities to access the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lent. Be it in our parish, or in one of the neighbouring parishes, elsewhere in Perth, with your favourite priest or with a priest who does not know you: whichever way helps you, please make plans for your confession before Easter. It really makes a difference!



The Stations of the Cross will be held **every Friday at 7pm** during Lent until the solemn VIA CRUCIS around the church on Good Friday morning.

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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Lent and Easter Programme - 2021	
All Fridays of Lent:	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Palm Sunday: March 28	10.00am Solemn Blessing of the Palms and Procession
Tuesday March 30:	7.00pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Wednesday March 31:	6.00pm – 8.00pm First Rite Reconciliation
Holy Thursday April 1:	7.00pm Last Supper Mass followed by adoration at the altar of reposition until Midnight
Good Friday April 2:	6.00am Silent Adoration starts
	10.00am Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm Celebration of the Passion
Holy Saturday April 3	10.00am – 11.30am First Rite Reconciliation – NO CONFESSIONS AT 5.00 PM
	7.00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday April 4:	Ordinary weekend Mass timings

Lenten Pastoral Letter 2021- The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth

Our Archbishop has written a letter where he beautifully explains to us about sin and grace. Here is just one sentence: "This dark truth of our human story, itself the ongoing consequence of original sin, is of course eclipsed by the bright light of salvation which comes to us in Jesus Christ. Sin is real and powerful, but grace is more powerful still." Please have a read at this link:

www.perthcatholic.org.au/Home.htm



First Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning **1800 024 413**.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 02 March 2021- For any issue to be considered, please email

Fr. Vijay - Johnson.dsouza@perthcatholic.org.au or Ann Taylor- ppcsecretary@stjermesparish.org

13 March 'Breakfast in the Garden 2021'

Announcing the Mary MacKillop Today's fundraiser, "BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN",

When: 8am Saturday 13th March 2021 **Where:** GARDEN VENUE - at the Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent)

Bring: \$15 for brekkie, byo chairs, blankets, umbrellas, sunscreen, smiles

RSVP: For catering purposes etc, before 10th March to: Roberta Scanlan: robscan52@icloud.com or 0459 364 872

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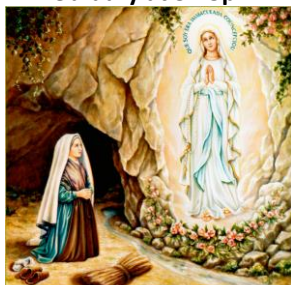
Let us come together and pray for all who are sick and suffering, on the dates

Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette. Particularly let

us pray for an end to COVID-19. Rosary will be held at St Jerome's Parish and also Live streamed on the St Jerome's Parish Facebook page

1st Apparition: Thursday 11th
February at 6pm

2nd Apparition: Sunday 14th
February at 5:15pm



APPARITION DATE TIME

February 21 5:15 pm
 Tuesday February 23 6:00 pm
 Wednesday February 24 6:00 pm
 Thursday February 25 6:00 pm
 Saturday February 27 5:15 pm
 Sunday February 28 5:15 pm
 Monday March 1 6:00 pm
 Tuesday March 2 6:00 pm
 Wednesday March 3 6:00 pm
 Thursday March 4 6:00 pm
 Thursday March 25 6:00 pm
 Wednesday April 7 6:00 pm
 Friday July 16 6:00 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Jim Hill, Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Salvatore Lazzara, Alessio De Souza, Marina & Rita Papalia, Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo, Maria Fernandez.

(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

		Wed 24/02/21	7am Soul of Nathan de Abreu Souls of Jorge & Hilario De Oliveira for the holy souls in purgatory Int. of Margaret 9am Souls deceased of the Basilio family Int. for conversion of the world Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Int. for all souls in purgatory	
Sat 20/02/21	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Raymond Law Yui Wan		
Sun 21/02/21	8am	Souls of Leonardo & Lorraine Turtur Soul of Nathan De Abreu Soul of Vitorino Nunes Soul of Elio Boni Soul of Carmina Gaglia Int. for the forgotten souls in purgatory		
	10am	Soul of Daniel Manaloto Int. for Beatriz Da Silva	Thurs 25/02/21	7am Soul of Nathan De Abreu For the Holy souls in purgatory Int. of Margaret 9am Int. of Maria Basilio Int in hon of Infant Jesus
	6pm	Soul of Nathan de Abreu (1 st anni) Soul of Annunziata Fiomentino		
Mon 22/02/21	7am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu For the Holy souls in purgatory	Fri 26/02/21	7am Soul of Nathan De Abreu Int. of Margaret for the holy souls in purgatory 9am Soul of Bernadette Potter Int. of good health for Mary Doran B'Day Int. Charlie Barbagiovanni
	9am	Soul of John Basilio Int. for Dinawene Basilio B'Day Int. Isabella Catalano		
Tues 23/02/21	7am	Soul of Johnny Basilio Soul of Nathan De Abreu For the Holy souls in purgatory	Sat 27/02/21	9am Soul of Nathan de Abreu Int. of Maria Basilio
	9am	Soul of Jose Manuel Figueira Soul of Antonio Maciel Coelho Int. of Maria Basilio		



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