

# ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT YrB – 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

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**FIRST READING:** *2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at His prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against His people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that He spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 136.R v. 6*

**R: Let my tongue be silenced,  
if I ever forget you!**

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps. **R**

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us', they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord  
on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! **R**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R**

**SECOND READING:** *Ephesians 2:4-10*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning He had meant us to live it.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *John 3:16*

**Glorify and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much He gave us His only Son,  
that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.  
Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**GOSPEL:** *John 3:14-21*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth

comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Father's message

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life." (John 3:16) This is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible. Just google it: it tops almost every "most popular verse" list.

**"For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved." (John 3:17)**

**"I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world." (John 12:47)**

On this joyful faith St. Jerome Miani, founder of the Somascan Fathers, made his favourite short prayer, which he used to repeat very frequently in a XVI century flavour: "O most sweet Jesus, do not be my judge, but my saviour." We do not come to Jesus because we are perfect. We come to him because we are sinners, and we need him. Every Sunday we come here carrying our woundedness.

Today we hear again that God sent Jesus for this very purpose. **"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2:17)**

I met people who thought they could not be part of our church because they were struggling with something. That is exactly when they need to be here. I also met people who justified they are not being in church with the fact that they saw regular church goers doing or saying unchristian things. This is exactly why I am here: I am a sinner, wounded and broken, I keep falling, and I need Jesus' power to raise me up.

The idea that we need to be good in order to come to Jesus is a lie. We come to Jesus in the midst of his Church, because we are sinners. And there is always room for more.

*This week be Jesus' mercy. Open your arms to someone who is crushed by their struggles.*

**Review the way I use my time. How about some time in adoration?**

**FR VALERIO FENOGLIO MEMORIAL SERVICE – SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021 AT 9.00AM MASS followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate to share as we pray for the soul of the wonderful Fr Valerio.**

### LEGION OF MARY PERTH - 80TH ANNIVERSARY:

Commitium and Executive cordially invite you to attend on **20th March 2021 at St. Columba's Catholic Church, 20 Almondbury St. Bayswater**. The Mass is celebrated by the Archbishop Most Rev. Timothy Costelloe, SDB. Please see the Notice board for details. This is a free ticketed event. Please go to the link to book.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/80th-anniversary-legion-of-mary-perth-tickets-141644006035>

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES

After a year break due to COVID-19, the Sunday children's liturgy during the Sunday 10.00am Mass will be resumed from 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021. We have a group of active parishioners would offer their service to our children in a creative and renewed way. Please bring your children and grandchildren.



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

### 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!

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

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

#### Religious Co-ordinator

Soly Fernandez

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#### WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6pm Vigil

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

#### Safeguarding Officers

Judy McShane & Anne Strafela

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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

## **SAFEGUARDING UPDATE- FOR ANYONE HAVING ANY ROLE IN THE PARISH**

This programme is a very high priority of our Archbishop and is MANDATORY for anyone in any role of the church, not just people who work with children, as the programme includes vulnerable adults. To facilitate everyone to attend there are two sessions that is held at **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH HALL, ROCKINGHAM ON TUESDAY, 18 MAY 2021.**

**First session is 1.00pm - 3.00pm, and second session is 7.00 - 9.00pm.** Andrea Musulin, the Director of Safeguarding, will be delivering the sessions. Please make it a point to attend one of these sessions. Other sessions are available at other locations. Please see the notice board for details. **To register, send an email to [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au).**

## **INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS (WORKING DOCUMENT) RELEASED FOR PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY**

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said a reflection guide has been developed to help people throughout the country engage with Continuing the Journey, maintaining the national focus for the Council.

“A document has the most value when it is brought to life through dialogue and response,” she said.

“In this particular time of changing norms in society and the emerging reality of post-COVID life, it is increasingly important to have as many faith communities, groups, agencies and individuals participate in this continued discernment as possible. “Every single person is needed for God’s mission today.”

Archbishop Costelloe expressed his gratitude to the other members of the instrumentum laboris writing team: Daniel Ang, Trudy Dantis and Fr Kevin Lenehan.

“The Plenary Council has drawn upon the faith, the knowledge and the expertise of countless people during the journey so far,” he said. “In Daniel, Trudy and Fr Kevin we were once again blessed with a range of experiences and insights that helped make the document what it became.”

Citing the working document, Archbishop Costelloe says it “invites the whole Church, and in a special way the delegates to the Plenary Council, into a deeper discernment which can help us hear the voice of the Holy Spirit emerging from the multiplicity of voices”. “Every part of this journey so far has been embedded in prayer and, similarly, I invite people to recognise the need to engage with the instrumentum laboris with an open heart, an open mind and a receptive spirit,” he said.

Archbishop Costelloe said Continuing the Journey, in addition to being a document of value in and of itself, will also help with the creation of the agenda for the Council’s assemblies.

The document can be found on [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**PRAYERS TO ST JOSEPH** Friday 19 March Feast of St Joseph after the 10.00am Shrine Mass and Sunday 21 March 3.00pm Devotion to St Joseph, Schoenstatt Shrine 9 Talus Dr, Mount Richon WA 6112. Come and join us in praying to St Joseph in this year dedicated especially to him and invite him to be the patron of our family.



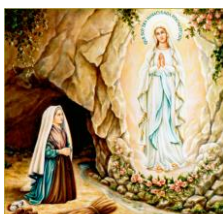
### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia’s support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413

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



#### **APPARITION DATE TIME**

Thursday March 25 6:00 pm

Wednesday April 7 6:00 pm

Friday July 16 6:00 pm

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** – Calling on our parishioners to donate any non-perishables items to the St Vincent's De Paul donation box in the Church foyer.

**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.)

**Recently Deceased:**

**Maria Guerini  
Michele Galati-Sardo**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

**Tues 16/03/21 7am Special Int.**

**Sat 13/03/21 6pm** Soul of Ken Orr  
Soul of Laretta Yon  
Soul of Ana Correia  
Soul of Vito Lisi  
Thanksgiving Int. for the good health of Mina Marroccoli

**Int. of Rhonda Rose  
9am**

**Wed 17/03/21 7am Special Int**

**Sun 14/03/21 8am** Special Int.  
Soul of Luciano Cicanese (1<sup>st</sup> anni)  
For the forgotten souls in purgatory  
B'Day Int. Eileen McCloskey

**Int. deceased members of Bradley & Casey families  
9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families**

**Thurs 18/03/21 7am Special Int**

**10am** Souls of Maria & Anton Petrovic  
Souls of Milena & Petar Saric  
Souls of Ivan & Kata Bozanic  
Soul of Lukrecija Bogdan  
Souls of Tony & Antonio Alvaro  
Soul of Giuseppe Romano  
Soul of Virgilio Loreto

**B'Day Int. Krystyna Gorczynska  
9am**

**Fri 19/03/21 7am Special Int**

**6pm**

**B'Day Int. Ilde Vener (80<sup>th</sup>)  
9am Soul of Celina Abreu**

**Sat 20/03/21 9am Special Int.**

**Mon 15/03/21 7am** Special Int.  
Int. Mark Mercer  
**9am** Soul of Fr Armando Favero

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