

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



5th SUNDAY OF LENT YrB – 21st MARCH 2021

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FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was Master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant My Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 50:3-4.12-15

R: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God;
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of Your Holy Spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help;
With a spirit of fervour sustain me
That I may teach transgressors your ways
And sinners may return to you. **R**

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 5:7-9

During His life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the One who had the power to save Him out of death, and He submitted so humbly that His prayer was heard. Although He was Son, He learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, He became for all who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

John 12:26

**Glory to You, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

**If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, My servant will also be.**

Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL:

John 12:20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves Me, My Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify Your Name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.'

Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;

Now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Father's message

"Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." (John 12:23)

The Hour of Jesus. This expression comes often in the gospels. What is it? Not just a time of suffering and struggle: a time of glorious triumph. Not merely his passion and death. Not even just his resurrection. Both: the final wonder is the outcome of the previous struggle.

"I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." (John 12:24)

We may separate a particular life event from what prepared it and made it happen. We think of our wedding day as the unforgettable event, while the years of dating and engagement, getting to know one another and working through various issues, are what filled it with meaning and set the stage for our life together. Or, we may think of the struggle and lose sight of the outcome.

"If it dies, it yields a rich harvest." (John 12:24)

There is some effort, some form of payment to be made, if we want to achieve results. In our community we have numerous courageous people who accept to be the grain of wheat that dies and yields a rich harvest.

Jesus did this first. Many Christians followed - the martyrs. We share it right now. The Mass is the Hour of Jesus. Every Sunday we come here with our joys, our dreams, our plans, our enthusiasm, our love for God and our brothers and sisters. We also come with our struggles, our falls, our sins, our doubts, our fears.

We share the hour of Jesus. Here we draw the strength to make it real in our own Hour. Then let us go right into the Hour of Jesus.

The Hour of Jesus is passion, death and resurrection.

We share in his Hour in the same way.

Passion Sunday is coming.

**Spend time to meditate the passion from the Gospel –
perhaps with the Blessed Sacrament?**

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Mass, Novena & Benediction next Saturday 27th March 2021 at 6.00pm

FR VALERIO FENOGLIO MEMORIAL SERVICE – SATURDAY 10TH 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.



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**

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!

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.**

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic.



5th Sunday of Lent 21st March 2021

Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Lent and Easter Programme - 2021	
All Fridays of Lent:	7.00pm Stations of the Cross and mass
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

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 14th 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.

March 29th 2021 - Women Who Anoint Jesus: Recovering the Memory

Presenter: Dr Pina Ford Team Leader Catechist Service

The Council for Catholic Women Perth warmly invite you to join us at James Nestor Hall, Catholic Education Office 50 Ruislip St West Leederville on Monday 29 March 5.30-8.30pm. Gather for light refreshments at 5.30-6pm. RSVP by Friday 26 March to Kerry at kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com / 0400 886 835. All welcome.

APPARITION DATE TIME

Thursday March 25 6:00 pm

Wednesday April 7 6:00 pm

Friday July 16 6:00 pm



VOLUNTEER ROSTERS- Rosters for cleaning, counting, reading, Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes have all resumed. To know when you are rostered on please refer to the roster on the notice board or hard copies in the 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

Mrs Rosilde Ciotti

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 20/03/21	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lauretta Yon Souls of Maria, Manuel, Joao Canada Soul of Manuel De Gouvelia Soul of Carolina Scarvacci Soul of Maria Basilio B'Day Int. Marie Gasper (91 st)	Tues 23/03/21	7am Special Int. 9am Soul of Antonio Maciel Coelho (B'Day)
Sun 21/03/21	8am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu Souls of Conceicao & Alfredo Perestrelo Souls of Vincenzo & Orlando Letizia Int. Conceicao De Luz Int. of Dr Nobrega De Sousa Martins Special Int	Wed 24/03/21	7am Special Int. Souls of Jorge & Hilario De Oliveira Soul of Fr Patrick Littlewood 9am Soul of Helena Rocha Soul of George Correia Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
	10am	Soul of Teresa Marroccoli Soul of Virgilio Loreto Soul of Nathan De Abreu	Thurs 25/03/21	7am Special Int. Int. conversion of sinners 9am Souls of Maria & Anton Zuvela
	6pm	Special Int of Thanksgiving	Fri 26/03/21	7am Special Int. 9am Soul of Leonardo Abrusci Soul of Franco Ciccoroni
Mon 22/03/21	7am	Special Int. Soul of Deogracias Madula	Sat 27/03/21	9am Special Int.
	9am			

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