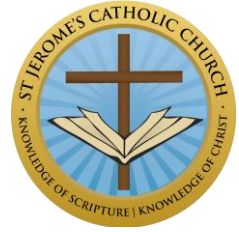


# ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER YrB – 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 (DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

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## **FIRST READING:**

*Acts 4:32-35*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money from them to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 117: 2-4.15-18.22-24*

**R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
His love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed.

His right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live.

And recount His deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected.

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

A marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord.

we rejoice and are glad. **R**

## **SECOND READING:**

*1 John 5:1-6*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only,

but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*John 20:29*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!**

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

*John 20:19-31*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,

So am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven.

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord, he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'

Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked, and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Father's message

***'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'***

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

***'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'*** (John 20:21-23)

It looks like the highest priority of Jesus is to make sure that we can be delivered from our sins. Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, we celebrate exactly this wish of Jesus: that his mercy be made available and experienced by everyone.

***"Remember who you are!"***

I am loved by God. I am redeemed - paid for by the blood of Jesus.

I am loved no matter what. Nothing else defines me.

God's mercy covered me; the Father's mercy embraced me.

I am loved by God, redeemed, paid for by the blood of Jesus.

This defines me. I am THAT worthy in God's eyes.

***"You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ"*** (1Peter 1:18-19)

***"I am a sinner upon whom Jesus' merciful gaze has come to rest."*** (Pope Francis)

**THIS defines me. Nothing else.**

**Drop all labels. Remind yourself - and others: you are loved by Jesus to the point of dying for you.**

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Divine Mercy Sunday is a recent addition to the Church's calendar, and it has links to both private revelation and the Bible. Millions of people look forward to and are profoundly moved by this day. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy. It also has links to the Bible and the readings of this day. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday". The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been several paintings made of this image. A basic explanation of the image is: Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent). The depictions often contain the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: Jezu ufam Tobie). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness, and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy". The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in John 20:19-31, which is the Gospel reading for this Sunday in all three yearly Sunday liturgical cycles (A, B, and C).

#### **WEEKDAY MASS:**

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

#### **Religious Co-ordinator**

Soly Fernandez  
E: re\_coordinator@stjeromesparish.org

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

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

#### **Safeguarding Officers**

Judy McShane & Anne Strafela  
E: safeguarding@stjeromesparish.org

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

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

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Secretary: Ann Taylor  
E: ppcsecretary@stjeromesparish.org

#### **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!**

## RETREAT FOR ACOLYTES AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

A retreat for all the Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be on the **15<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 from 9am – 1.30pm** in the Parish Hall. It will start with mass, followed by our guest speaker Dr Pina Ford and then ending with lunch. I encourage all of you to participate in this retreat for our ongoing formation of our ministry. **Please RSVP to the parish office by calling 9418 1229 or email [secretary@stjeromesparish.org](mailto:secretary@stjeromesparish.org) before the 08, May 2021** for catering purposes.



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**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.

### STAINED GLASS WINDOW DONATIONS-

By now, everyone would have seen the beautiful stained-glass window behind the Baptismal Font. The total cost for this window was **\$19,400.00**. Thank you to the parishioners who have generously donated towards this very special addition of our Parish. Any new donations can be made at the Parish office or they can be direct debited into the Parish account.

Account details below:

**Name of Account-** R. C Archbishop of Perth St Jeromes Parish Spearwood

**BSB –** 086 006

**ACC-** 485592103

**REF-** STAINWINDOW

**Iona Presentation College** invites you to attend a Senior School Open Morning:

**Thursday 29 April 2021 or Friday 30 April 2021 9.30am – 11.00am**, Palmerston St, Mosman Park

Bookings are essential: [www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmornings](http://www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmornings)

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH – PARISH RENEWAL TEAM

**ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (12 MONTH, FIXED TERM POSITION - 3 DAYS/12 HOURS PER WEEK)**

**FIELD WORKER (12 MONTH, CASUAL POSITION)**

Please see notice board for details. Applications close Monday 12 April 2021. To receive the Job Description and apply for this position please email: [agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au)

### CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH – ARCHIVES OFFICE TEAM

**SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER (12 MONTH, FULL-TIME, FIXED TERM, CONTRACT)**

### SCHOENSTATT MAY PILGRIMAGE

**Sunday May 2, 2.30pm-4.30pm**, 9 Talus Drive Mt Richon. Come to honour Mary our Mother in the Marian month of May.

Theme: Mary with St Joseph sanctify our family! Rosary Procession; Reflection with Hymns to Mary; PMA Co-ordinators Recommissioning; Benediction. Bring flowers for Mary. Children are invited to dress in white and will be given a rose to take part in the procession.

**"COUPLES FOR CHRIST"** South Chapter invites you to a spiritual journey, through our Christian Life Program which will start on April 18, 2pm at St. Vincent's Parish Church in Kwinana.

For more information, please contact the following:

Ronald Eguia - 0432 474 658    Aileen Eguia - 0423 578 059

Robert Sistena 0451 799 090    Jane Sistena 0451 988 154

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**APPARITION DATE TIME**  
Wednesday April 7 6:00 pm  
Friday July 16 6:00 pm

## **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).**

### **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**

**Sat 10/04/21 6pm Souls of Juan & Maria Canada**  
Soul of Manuel Canada  
Int. Luis & John Lourenco

**Wed 14/04/21 7am Special Int.**  
9am Int. Maria Fiannaca  
Int. of Freitas & Yukos families

**Sun 11/04/21 8am Soul of Peter Carroll**  
Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu  
Int. Eileen McCloskey  
Int. Sara Martino  
Special Int.  
Thanksgiving Int. for a successful surgery  
**10am Soul of Guiseppe Antonio Merenda & family**  
Soul of Maria Irene Dos Santos  
Int. for all involved in organising the Lenten healing retreat.  
**6pm Special Int of Jose De Ornelas**

**Thurs 15/04/21 7am Special Int.**  
9am Soul of Jose Manuel Figueira

**Mon 12/04/21 7am Special Int.**  
Soul of Deogracion Mapula  
9am Int. in hon of St Anthony for Anthony  
Int of Our Lady and Jesus to help Anthony & children.

**Fri 16/04/21 7am Special Int.**  
Soul of Armando & Goerge Correia  
Int. Maria & Ante Bozanic (wedding anni)  
9am

**Tues 13/04/21 7am Special Int.**  
9am Soul of Gerlando Fiannaca

**Sat 17/04/21 9am Special Int.**

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