

# ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER YrB – 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

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**FIRST READING:** *Acts 3:13-15,17-19*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 4:2,4,7,9.R.v.7*

**R: Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me,  
have mercy and hear me! **R**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those  
whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R**

**SECOND READING:** *1 John 2:1-5*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Luke 24:32*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 24:35-48*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, "This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Father's message

**We are witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection. "You are witnesses to this." (Luke 24:48)**

**To what?**

**"The Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." (Luke 24:46-47)**

Jesus left his disciples this mission. Today I am reminded of two things about the way I can be a witness to Jesus.

1 - I need to have a personal relationship with the risen, living Jesus.

It was easy for the disciples to relate to Jesus as they knew him before his passion and death - a man of the past. It was harder to relate to him risen and living. They had to learn this new relationship.

It is easy for me to relate to Jesus as a great personality of the past. Like Queen Victoria, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela. I have to learn to relate to a living person I cannot physically perceive.

Jesus helped them. They helped others in turn, and we are here because of that.

We can help others too - once we have a personal relationship with Jesus ourselves, we cannot help but share it!

**"You are witnesses to this." (Luke 24:48)**

2 - I need to understand the Scriptures, and I cannot do this alone.

The disciples knew the prophecies. So did the chief priests, the elders, the scribes.

They expected God to act according to their understanding.

The Cross was a scandal - totally unexpected and intolerable. How could God fail?

Yet, the Cross was the fulfilment of the Scriptures.

Jesus helped them, explained the Scripture, opened their mind. Their hearts **"burned within them"** when he did so. Later, the disciples did the same for others: opened their mind like Jesus did. No one can understand God's plan alone. We too have our struggles, too, that make us think God is failing to deliver.

We need help to understand the unfolding of God's plan for us - the Scriptures.

I cannot do this alone. No one did, not even the apostles. I need a community.

**"You are witnesses to this." (Luke 24:48)**

Then I can be a witness. A witness is someone who has first-hand experience.

Jesus wants us to be witnesses of our personal relationship with him and of the fulfilment of the Scriptures. Do I have a community to journey with? How about our neighbourhood?

### **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.

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

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

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

Soly Fernandez  
E: [re\\_coordinator@stjeromesparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

## **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).**

**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.

**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)

## **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.

## **"Life in the Spirit" Seminars**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is supporting various 'Life in the Spirit' Seminars across our city. These 7-session seminars help people to encounter Jesus Christ in a personal relationship of love, and to experience the power of the Holy Spirit alive and active to change their lives for the good. See notice board for locations or contact Dan on 0409 849 049."

**"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**

**"YOUR FAMILY HAS A PLACE IN COUPLES FOR CHRIST"**

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY-**

**PLANNING, RISK & REPORTING MANAGER- (12 MONTH, FULL-TIME, FIXED TERM, CONTRACT)**

**PROGRAMME OFFICE MANAGER- (12 MONTH, FULL-TIME, FIXED TERM, CONTRACT)**

To receive the Job Description for the position of Planning, Risk & Reporting Manager and to submit your application email: [julie.fuge@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:julie.fuge@perthcatholic.org.au) by Wednesday 21 April 2021, for the attention of Gary Downes, Director, Archdiocesan Transition.

## **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



**APPARITION DATE TIME**

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**

Sat 17/04/21 6pm Soul of Ken Orr

Soul of Lairetta Yon  
Soul of Joseph Law Yin Wan  
Soul of Manuel & Lucilia Pereira  
Soul of Maria Loreto  
Int. Luis & John Lourenco  
Soul of Giacomo Monastra

Tues 20/04/21 7am Special Int.

Soul of Emilio Di Ciero  
Souls in purgatory  
9am

Sun 18/04/21 8am Soul of Alvaro De Freitas

Souls of Conceicao & Alfredo Perestrelo  
Souls of Vincenzo & Orlando Letizia  
Soul of Matilda Santos & deceased family members  
Holy Souls in purgatory  
Special Int.

Wed 21/04/21 7am Special Int

Soul of Emilio Di Ciero  
Souls in purgatory  
Soul of Nathan De Abreu  
9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families

10am Soul of Pietro Mirco

Soul of Matthew Sala-Tenna  
Soul of Tindara Santo Merenda  
Soul of Angelo Spadanuda  
Soul of Emilio Di Ciero  
Soul of Maria Irene Dos Santos

Thurs 22/04/21 7am Special Int.

Souls in purgatory  
9am Soul of Conceicao De Sousa

6pm Soul of Domenico Fasolo (1<sup>st</sup> anni)

Soul of Ana De Jesus Rodrigues  
Soul of Baseluche Galati

Fri 23/04/21

7am Special Int.  
9am Soul of Salvina DeBrincat (2<sup>nd</sup> anni)

Mon 19/04/21 7am Special Int.

Soul of Emilio Di Ciero  
Soul of Fr Patrick Littlewood  
Souls in purgatory

Sat 24/04/21

9am Special Int.  
Souls of Jorge & Hilario De Oliveira  
Souls of Laura & Manuel Cerqueira

9am Soul of Olga Rowlands

B'Day Int. Darryl Withers  
Soul of Cynthia Gladys Robinson

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