

# 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 EASTER YrB – 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

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## **FIRST READING:**

*Acts 4:8-12*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

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

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29*

**R: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the  
cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. **R**

## **SECOND READING:**

*1 John 3:1-2*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore, it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*John 10:14*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL:**

*John 10:11-18*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Father's message**

### **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.**

**"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep."** (John 10:11) Jesus repeats four times, in this passage, that he lays down his life for our sake, to give us life, to protect us from evil, from the evil one. We are in Eastertide: we know how much Jesus loves us. Life, freedom, and joy are available to me, no matter what.

**"I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep."** (John 10:14.15)

It is warmly encouraging to hear Jesus saying that he knows his own. He knows me by my name, he laid down his life for me. I am the Beloved, redeemed, paid for with the blood of Jesus. I also learn that my freedom is respected, even at the risk of losing me: "my own know me". If I am Jesus' own, I know him. I do not know of him: I know him. If I do not know Jesus personally, probably I am not yet his own. I need to want to be Jesus' own, and take steps to know him personally. I do not want to know Jesus in a functional, perfunctory way. I want to know Jesus personally. I want to be his own, known by him, carried like a lamb on his shoulders.

**I want to be Jesus' own. I want to know him personally. Commit to knowing Jesus personally, in your daily life - not just at "being religious".**

#### **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: WHAT IS IT?**

Because [today's] Gospel reading is the parable of the Good Shepherd, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is now also known as Good Shepherd Sunday (a name formerly given to the Third Sunday of Easter to which the reading was originally assigned). In 1964, Pope Paul VI established a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to coincide with Good Shepherd Sunday, now celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. For this reason, this day is also known in the Catholic Church as Vocations Sunday. The Church of England also celebrates Vocations Sunday on this day. (source: Wikipedia)

#### **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you came to birth, I consecrated you" (Jeremiah 1:5). This passage informs us that from the moment we were created, God has a special plan for each of us. So, we can ask ourselves, how are we following that plan? As we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the ordained ministry, religious life, single life and married life. **To find out more, contact: Fr. Israel Quirit by email: [vocations@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@perthcatholic.org.au) or at (08) 9220 5901.**

**MONTH OF MAY DEVOTIONS** - The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and therefore every evening during this month the **Rosary will be recited at 7pm**. On Weekends, the Rosary will follow the 6pm Mass. On **Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May**, during the **10am Mass at St Jerome's Church**, the Children's Liturgy will be continuing the tradition of honouring Mary as Queen of the May. During the Offertory Procession two children will place a crown on the statue of Mary. This symbolic gesture is to remind us all that May is Mary's month and that she is Queen of us all. All children are welcome to be part of the procession and can do so by attending the Children's Liturgy. **Please contact Tess on 94344242 or the Parish if you would like more information.**

#### **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**

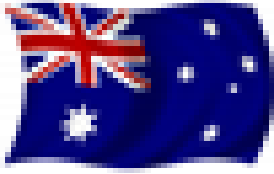
#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

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!**



### AN ANZAC PRAYER

Lord our God, boundless provider,  
 source of peace that the world cannot give,  
 kindly hear our constant prayer  
 for those who bore witness to your own fidelity  
 by giving their lives for those they loved.  
 Resurrect them in our true homeland  
 and perfect that peace for which they longed and died.  
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever. Amen.  
 (From CEO, Sydney, 2008)



**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Mass, Novena & Benediction next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 6.00pm**

### 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.

### 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).**

### 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.

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### "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."**

### 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. We have raised \$6974.55 so far in generous donations.** 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



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** counters, catechists, money collectors, cleaners etc. We are in great need of small groups to volunteer a small amount of time once a month to either count the collection money, collect the donations from the pews, clean the church and chapel or even assist in teaching Catechism. If you are available and willing to give up some time to help the Parish community, **please contact the Parish office on 9418 1229 or secretary@stjromesparish.org – THANK YOU!**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

Jim Hill, Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Salvatore Lazzara, 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

Liliana Da Silva

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 24/04/21 6pm Soul of Ken Orr  
Soul of Lauretta Yon  
Soul of Liliana Da Silva

Tues 27/04/21 7am Special Int.  
9am Soul of Jose Manuel Figueira  
B'Day Int Maria

Sun 25/04/21 8am Soul of Horacio Malho  
Soul of Elio Boni  
Int. for the Forgotten Souls in purgatory  
Special Int.

Wed 28/04/21 7am Special Int  
Soul of Manuel Matires  
Soul of Severino Mapula  
9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families  
Soul of Jose Manel Figueira

10am Soul of Tindara Merenda  
Soul of Cynthia Gladys Robinson  
Soul of Grazia Maria Romano  
Int. in hon Infant Jesus of Prague  
Rene & Precy Datinguino and children (25<sup>th</sup> wedding anni)

Thurs 29/04/21 7am Special Int.  
9am Soul of Nicola Carreri  
All souls in purgatory & conversion of the world

6pm B'Day Int. Blake Pesich  
Soul of Marko Donjerkovich

Fri 30/04/21 7am Special Int.  
9am B'Day Int. Arlene Crane  
In Thanksgiving to St Lucia

Mon 26/04/21 7am Special Int.  
9am Soul of Domingo De Jesus SNR  
In Thanksgiving to St Anthony & St Joseph

Sat 01/05/21 9am Special Int.

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