

# ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER YrB – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

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### FIRST READING:

*Acts 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps. 21:26-28.30-32*

**R: I will praise You, Lord,  
in the assembly of Your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R**

All the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
all families of the nation's worship before Him.  
They shall worship Him,  
all the mighty of the earth;  
before Him shall bow  
all who go down to the dust. **R**

And my soul shall live for Him,  
my children serve Him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare His faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' **R**

**SECOND READING:** *1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St John 3:18-24*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able

to quieten our conscience in His presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and He knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask Him, we shall receive, because we keep His commandments and live the kind of life that He wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as He told us to. Whoever keeps His commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that He lives in us by the Spirit that He has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord.  
My branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

*John 15:1-8*

Jesus said to His disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit He cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of My Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Father's message

Make your home in Me!

**"I am the true vine." (John 15:1)**

**"I am the vine; you are the branches. [...] Cut off from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)**

Jesus wants to impress upon his disciples - upon us, upon me - how critical it is that we have a personal relationship with him. Having a personal relationship with Jesus is not just advisable. It is crucial if I want my life to have any meaning and purpose at all.

**"Make your home in me, as I make mine in you." (John 15:4)**

This translation is very warm and inviting. The original word really means to remain, to stay, to abide - over time. I need to spend my time with Jesus, give him my prime time, if I am to have a personal relationship with him. It is as simple as that. I cannot call myself a friend of someone if I do not make a considerable time to spend with them. Does Jesus need that? Not him, really. It is I who need it. It is I who need time with the Master because I learn in time. It is I who need "taming".

**"Make your home in me, as I make mine in you." (John 15:4) I need to spend my time with Jesus.**

We had a lockdown. How did I use that time? If I spend most of my free time with my devices, or in other forms of merely entertaining myself, how would I expect my friendship with Jesus to grow? Taming needs time.

**Today Jesus invites us to "make our home in Him." Am I willing?**

**What changes can I make to my day to "make my home in Jesus?"**

### **Safeguarding Update – May 2021**

#### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD – ALL EMHC, ACOLYTES & CATECHISTS**

Please check your Working with Children Card expiry date and ensure that you renew it before it expires, to enable you to continue on the Church volunteers' rosters. To renew your WWC Card, application forms are available online, or there are hard copies in the Parish office.

#### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR CHURCH WORKERS**

It is necessary that all church workers are familiar with the Safeguarding Program requirements and how these may affect the role that you play in our Parish.

You can now register online for the Safeguarding training workshops to be held **on Tuesday 18th May at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall Rockingham**. This is **MANDATORY** for all Church volunteers, not just those working with children.

**There are two sessions – please commit to one of these sessions.**

**First session is 1-3pm and the second session is 7-9pm.**

**To register, send an email to [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or phone Mary Mantle on 9221 7762.**

Please see the notice board for all details – other sessions are also available at various metro locations.

#### **CHURCH TOILETS**

**As part of our Parish child safety procedures, could all parents/guardians please escort your children to the toilets in the church and always remain with them. Thank you.**

#### **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!**

## 1 May, Feast of St Joseph the Worker

In reflecting on St Joseph as a working father, Pope Francis reminds us that work is a means of participating in the work of



salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of others. Let us pray for all workers, for those seeking employment, and for those unable to work.

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his  
only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy  
and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.**

*Patris Corde, Pope Francis, 2020*



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**Devine Mercy  
Devotion  
held on  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
at 2.15pm.**



**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.

### **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@stjermesparish.org](mailto:secretary@stjermesparish.org) before the 08, May 2021** for catering purposes.

### **PERMANENT PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ASSISTANT TENANT ADVOCATE, DAYDAWN ADVOCACY CENTRE, PERTH**

Applications close Monday 17 May 2021. To receive the Job Description and submit your application for the attention of Mark Reidy, Director, Daydawn, email: [agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au)

### **"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**



**APPARITION DATE TIME**  
Friday July 16 6:00 pm

**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

Mrs Anna Pisani  
Mrs Marija Tonka Garbin


MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Sat 01/05/21</b> 6pm Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laurretta Yon Souls of Juan & Maria Canada Soul of Manuel Canada	<b>Tues 04/05/21</b> 7am Special Int. 9am Soul of Guiseppe Antonio Merenda & Family
<b>Sun 02/05/21</b> 8am Soul of Conceicao Perestrelo Int for the Forgotten Souls in purgatory Special Int.  10am Soul of Guiseppe Sticca Soul of Giovanni D'Antuono  6pm Soul of Virgilio Loreto	<b>Wed 05/05/21</b> 7am Special Int 9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Soul of Anthony John  <b>Thurs 06/05/21</b> 7am Special Int. 9am B'Day Int Justina Biasucci  <b>Fri 07/05/21</b> 7am Special Int. 9am Soul of Jose Francisco Figueira B'Day Int Georgina Duarte San Augustin
<b>Mon 03/05/21</b> 7am Special Int. 9am B'Day Int. Rhonda	<b>Sat 08/05/21</b> 9am Special Int.

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