

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER YrB – 9th May 2021 (MOTHER'S DAY)

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FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise,' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to Him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the Name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 97:1-4

R: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for He has worked wonders.
His right hand and His holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known His salvation;
has shown His justice to the nations.
He has remembered His truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R**

SECOND READING: 1st Letter of St John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world His only Son so that we could have life through Him; this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,
but God's love for us when He sent His Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15:9-1

Jesus said to His disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in His love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you anything you ask Him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Father's message

LOVE ANOTHER

The heart of today's gospel lies in Jesus repeating himself: 'Love one another'. The model for this love is the love that Jesus showed towards all those who follow him. Jesus has changed the way in which God relates to human beings. We are no longer servants of God but are drawn into deep intimacy and friendship through the Son. This new relationship is not dependent on our choice or will. God has chosen us, and we are now commissioned to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

The Christian command to love is not a vague feeling of good will; it is a love that suffers all and may demand great sacrifice. The command to love as Jesus loved may be the most difficult test of our Christianity. This is how the presence of Jesus is experienced even in his absence.

In John's Gospel, there is no account of the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. Instead, there is the account of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, an act of absolute service to others, and a long discourse of instruction on how they must conduct themselves in the future. This is known as the 'Farewell Discourse' and part of it is read this Sunday and next week.

Jesus wants to emphasise the closeness and intimacy between himself and the disciples. He speaks of this relationship in a radical way when he names them friends. Friendship implies equality, an openness and sharing of life and experience, a mutual concern and interest. We are usually more comfortable in imagining our relationship with God as with a superior rather than a friend. How does this image of friendship and intimacy challenge you?

"Love one another as I have loved you"

The joyful celebration of **Mother's Day** is a reminder of what is the most essential need for every human person – love. More specifically: to be loved and to love in return. This is also something that finds its root and motivation in the very core of our Christian faith because God is love and every created love has its origin in God. So, dear mums of our community we love you because you are the **most tangible expression of God's love** to each one of us. We have no words to THANK YOU as you deserve!

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 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
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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!



A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord Jesus,
you have known a mother's love
and tender care, and you will hear,
while for our mothers most dear,
we offer this Mother's Day prayer.



Protect the lives, we pray,
of those who have given us the gift of life.
May our mothers know from day to day
the deepening joy that comes from your presence.

We cannot pay our debts
for all the love that we have received;
but you, Lord, will not forget their due reward.
Bless our mothers both on earth and in heaven.



Amen.

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 followed by mass**. On Weekends, the Rosary will follow the 6pm Mass.

COVID-19 CRISIS IN INDIA APPEAL

On the weekend of 15th and 16th May 2021 our parish will have a special collection at all masses to raise funds for the people suffering in India. We will continue to pray for the families who are suffering during this pandemic times.

PARISH RENEWAL: WE NEED TO KNOW OUR REGULAR MEMBERS!

Parish renewal starts from the Catholics who are with us every Sunday in the church. They are the ones we would like to support first. The fact is that we do not have the details of all those who are regular. Would you please help us to get there? Please pick up one of the cards in the pews and fill it up with the very few details required and drop it in the box at the back of the church. We will contact you to help us get the few more details we need. We really thank you for your cooperation, this is a great help for us.

RETREAT FOR ACOLYTES AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

A retreat for all the Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be on the 15th 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 before the 08, May 2021 for catering purposes.

St Jerome's Primary School - Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022

Interviews for Kindergarten 2022 are happening now. If your child was born between 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 they are eligible for Kindergarten in 2022. Parents of children with siblings are urged to ensure their applications have been submitted to avoid disappointment.

3 Year Old Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022

Places are being offered for our 3 Year Old Kindergarten next year. If your child was born between 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 your child will be able to join the program once, they turn three.

School tours can be booked through our website.

Application forms are available from the front office at the school.

For any enquiries please contact:

St Jerome's Primary School

Email: admin@stjeromes.wa.edu.au

Website: www.stjeromes.wa.edu.au

Phone: 9499 9500



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@stjeromesparish.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


MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p>Sat 08/05/21 6pm Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laurretta Yon Soul of Beatriz Pereira Soul of Tony Loreto Souls of Antonio Capella Souls of Dino & Mica Boloto Souls of Carlo & Ada Monaco Soul of Merlyn La Frenais Int. Jaimes Rodrigues</p>	<p>Tues 11/05/21 7am Special Int. Int. Fr Chris De Sousa(ordination anni) 9am B'Day Int. Ivone Breglia</p>
<p>Sun 09/05/21 8am Soul of Beatriz Pereira Soul of Domenico Spina (anni) Soul of Felice Morrolla Int for the Forgotten Souls in purgatory Special Int. Maria Ligia De Sousa Special Int. 10am Soul of Beatriz Pereira Special Int. Angela Catanzaro Souls of Ada & Carlo Monaco 6pm</p>	<p>Wed 12/05/21 7am Special Int 9am Soul of Domingo De Jesus SNR Soul of Maria Jose Int. of Freitas & Yukos families</p>
<p>Mon 10/05/21 7am Special Int. 9am Soul of Delores Da Silva Soul of Domingo De Jesus JNR Soul of Fernata Abreu</p>	<p>Thurs 13/05/21 7am Special Int. Special Int. in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima 9am B'Day Int Pasquale Catanzaro</p> <p>Fri 14/05/21 7am Soul of Joao Abel Soares Soul of Nathan De Abreu Special Int. 9am Soul of Kathleen Bradley</p> <p>Sat 15/05/21 9am Special Int. B'Day Int. Fatima Exton</p>

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