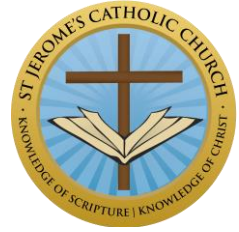


ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Yr B – 16th May 2021

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FIRST READING:

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day He gave His instructions to the Apostles He had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up into Heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the Kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' He had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked Him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by His own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be My witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As He said this, He was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took Him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into Heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen Him go there.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 46. R.v.6

**R: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God, with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on His holy throne. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of Him. May He enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope His call holds for you, what rich glories He has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that He has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of His power at work in Christ, when He used it to raise Him from the dead and to make Him sit at His right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under His feet, and made Him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church, which is His Body, the fullness of Him who fills the whole creation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed Himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in My Name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues they will pick up snakes in their hands and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into Heaven: there at the right hand of God He took His place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Father's message

CHOSEN, FORMED, EMPOWERED AND SENT

What does the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord mean for us? It does not mean that the Lord has departed to some place far from people and from the world. Christ's Ascension means that he belongs entirely to God. He, the Eternal Son, led our human existence into God's presence, taking with him flesh and blood in a transfigured form.

Indeed, like the disciples, the Lord has chosen us not for ourselves but for mission. Jesus had told the disciples, **"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."** (Jn 15:16) Indeed, to be a Christian implies having an evangelical zeal. God did not choose us so that we can have a comfortable and secure life, blessed with riches, good health, loving family, good job and friends. This is not to say that being a Christian, we will not receive these blessings. In the gospel, the Lord said to them, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned."

But before we can be witnesses and evangelizers, we need to be formed. Formation is an on-going process. The formation includes attending seminars, workshops, conferences and above all formation takes place whilst we are actively engaged in the ministry or in the mission. We learn through experience and mentorship. The weakness of Catholics is that we are willing to serve in the ministry and in Church but we can lack the theological and spiritual foundation.

After being formed Jesus empowers his disciples, so do we. **He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."** (Jn 20:22).

We have received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism and in fulness at Confirmation.

The final stage of the discipleship to be sent out. **"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news[d] to the whole creation. (Mk 16:15) "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20)** This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for **"she exists to evangelize" (SAINT PAUL VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 14).**

Jesus Christ has chosen us and empowered us to be evangelizers with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

During this year can we look around to see at least one formation seminar to attend so that we can become well equipped evangelizers.

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

Parish Secretary

Sandy Catanzaro

E: secretary@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!

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!**

FOREIGN COINS

As we are extremely grateful for all the donations the parish receives, we would like to please ask our wonderful parishioners to refrain from placing foreign coins into the collection baskets. These coins are of no use to the Parish and if anything, it damages the coin counting machine which then costs money to repair.

Thank you for understanding and God Bless!

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.

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION - MONDAY 31 MAY 2021

Pope Francis announced the “Rosary Marathon” for the month of May and it will be concluded with a Candlelight procession and Eucharistic celebration in our Church on Monday, the 31st May at 6pm. followed by a sausage sizzle. Any parishioners who would like to bring flowers from their garden to decorate the statue of Our Lady can do so on Sunday 30th May. All parishioners are invited to take part in this devotion and invoke the intercession of our Blessed Mother to end COVID-19 Pandemic.

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.

Prayer video to honour the life and legacy of Sr Irene McCormack, rsj

Catholic Mission invited student leaders from various Catholic schools in Perth to record their reflections on Sr Irene’s story and legacy. As a result, a 3-minute prayer video entitled ‘A Life for Love’ has been produced and will be officially released and distributed nationally on Friday, May 21, the 30th anniversary of Sr Irene’s martyrdom. The students reflect profoundly on her life as a gift of Love. If you would like the link to view this beautiful and inspiring commemorative prayer video, please contact Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH PART TIME, TRAINEE PRISON MINISTRY CHAPLAIN - PASTORAL WORKER

Applications close Monday 31 May 2021. To receive the Job Description and submit your application, for the attention of the Coordinator, Prison Ministry, email: agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au
Please check notice board for details.

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



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, 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 – Maria Teresa Do Santos

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 15/05/21 6pm Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Pasqua & Antonino Mangano Soul of Jose Garces Correia	Tues 18/05/21 7am Special Int. Souls of Luis Fernandes & Delores Da Silva 9am Soul of Manuel & Terry
Sun 16/05/21 8am Souls of Pedar's parents Soul of Luigi Guidone (5 th anni) For the Forgotten Souls in purgatory Special Int.	Wed 19/05/21 7am Special Int. Souls of Luis Fernandes & Delores Da Silva 9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
10am Soul of Mercedes Manatad & Margarita Padillo Souls of Leoncia Padillo & Feliza Togado Soul of Emilia Manaloto	Thurs 20/05/21 7am Special Int. Souls of Luis Fernandes & Delores Da Silva 9am B'Day Int. Caroline Edwards Int. in hon of St Sebastiano
6pm Soul of Manuel Loreto Soul of Luigi Guidone	Fri 21/05/21 7am Special Int. Souls of Luis Fernandes & Delores Da Silva Soul of Nathan De Abreu 9am B'Day Int. Andre West B'Day Int. Anne Fox
Mon 17/05/21 7am Special Int. Soul of Desanka Repanic Souls of Luis Fernandes & Delores Da Silva 9am Int. of Lydia & Christine	Sat 22/05/21 9am Special Int. Souls of Luis Fernandes & Delores Da Silva Soul of Giuseppe Ciavarra Soul of Giuseppe Ferrante Int. in honour of St Rita

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