

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Yr B – 17/18 July 2021

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FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord Who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord Who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming - it is the Lord Who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the Name He will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 22 R. v. 2*

**R: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where He gives me repose.
Near restful waters He leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to His Name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff
with these You give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head You have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 2:13-18*

In Christ Jesus you, that used to be so far apart from us, have been brought very close by the blood of Christ. For He is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in His own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in Himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In His own person He killed the hostility. Later He came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through Him, both of us have in the one Spirit, our way to come to the Father.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Jn 10:27*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them and they follow Me. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Mark 6:30-34*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told Him all they had done and taught. Then He said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as He stepped ashore He saw a large crowd; and He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and He set Himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am
Saturday - 9am

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6pm Vigil
Sunday - 8am, 10am and
6pm (Youth Mass)

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10.00 – 11.00am and
5pm -5.30pm
Or on Request at any time

Parish Office Hours: **Wednesday & Friday 9am to 2.30pm**
Thursdays 9am to 12pm

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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!

MESSAGE –16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

The apostles re-joined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught.” (Mark 6:30)

Their mission was successful: there were so many people coming and going! And the success does not stop with their leaving the place. “They all hurried to the place on foot.” They do not want to miss him. These people were so hungry for the Lord. People are hungry for meaning and purpose even today - or else, we would not be so frantically looking everywhere for it. At this point, two things happen.

The first.

“You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.” (Mark 6:31) Jesus tells them to come to a lonely place: this is something Jesus did regularly, prayed in the night: when you do ministry, quiet time in prayer is really important. You need that balance to do the Lord’s work, you need the Holy Spirit speaking to you. This is why our adoration chapel is so important.

The second.

“He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd”. (Mark 6:34) This recalls what prophet Jeremiah wrote: “The remnant of my flock I myself will gather [...] I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them.” (Jeremiah 23:3.4) We can evangelise by word, but to have an effect on people there should be this inner compassion, this empathy with the people we address. The inner connection makes the difference. Both things are happening in our community, too.

*Jesus’ success is driven by his time with the Father and his deep, personal compassion.
Spend time with Jesus to acquire the same deep personal compassion he has.*

St Vincent De Paul Donation Box-

A reminder to parishioners to make a small monetary donation to St Vincent De Paul Charity. This would be greatly appreciated by many in need. Donation Box is in the Church foyer. Thank you!

First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 25 July 2021

Pope Francis has decided to institute the Church-wide celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. **We would like to mark this event on the 25th July 2021 by serving breakfast for our grand parents and elderly after the 8.00am Mass and sausage Sizzle after the 10.00am Mass.** Please come along with your grandchildren and family. For more information:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/pastoral-resources-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly21.html>

PASTORAL LETTER OF ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY ON VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

Here is the beginning of the letter, which can be found under "Archbishop's latest" at perthcatholic.org.au.

On Thursday, 1 July 2021, legislation passed by the Western Australian State Parliament in relation to "Voluntary Assisted Dying" (VAD) will be enacted. Put simply this legislation will permit a person, under certain specified conditions, to access medication which is designed to cause that person's death. The legislation will also permit other people, again under certain specified conditions, to provide assistance to those who without such assistance would be unable to administer the medication to themselves.

At this important time for our society, and for the Catholic community which seeks to be a vibrant and engaged part of the wider community, I have decided to share with you some perspectives which I hope will help you to reflect on the significance of this moment.

Archdiocesan Marriage Mass, Saturday, August 28 @ 10am, St Mary's Cathedral.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couple who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2021>.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY AND STATEMENT 2021-2022

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals.

The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

AGENDA PUBLISHED FOR PLENARY COUNCIL

The Council agenda was published on June 18. It will shape the program of the Council's assemblies – the first of which opens on October 3 this year.

The agenda has been developed in the form of posing questions, with 16 questions falling under six themes: Conversion; Prayer; Formation; Structures; Governance; and Institutions.

"The agenda asks us a number of difficult questions, but without asking those difficult questions, we won't be entering into the depth of our hearts to consider how we become that missionary, Christ-centred Church we need today." (Archbishop Costelloe, president of the Council).

The agenda can be accessed here: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: Walking alongside or away?

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, experienced rejection: many "walked with him no longer". This offers us some consolation, when despite doing our best to pass on our faith in Jesus and His Church to our children, we, their 'shepherds', experience them drifting away from the faith. God loves our children unconditionally, and we need to continually 'hold them' in our love.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR TERM 3

The Centre for Faith Enrichment of the Archdiocese has released the array of courses for term 3, 2021. Some courses are available online, while others require attendance in person. All of them can be found at cfe.org.au/courses/

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July.

Aim- To inspire and encourage all catholic men with a vision of personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. **REGISTRATION – www.catholicmengathering.com.au COST- FREE**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH, OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP
SENIOR OPERATING OFFICER and SENIOR BOOKKEEPER (please see notice board for details.)**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? - RCIA 2021 – 2022

Our Parish will soon begin the sessions to share with others the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our community. We invite you to know more and develop a deep relationship with God in an open and welcoming environment. **The RCIA journey will begin on Thursday 22nd July 2021 at St. Jerome's Church at 7.00pm.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Norah Churchill 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

Signorina Favazzo

Kuzma Stipkovich

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sat 17/07/21 6pm Soul of Ken Orr
Soul of Lauretta Yon**

**Tues 20/07/21 7am Special Int.
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
9am**

**Wed 21/07/21 7am Special Int.
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
9am Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
Soul of Frank Scilio
Souls of Zagar Family**

**Sun 18/07/21 8am Special Int
For the Forgotten Souls in purgatory
Soul of Alvaro De Freitas**

**10am Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Soul of George Correia
Soul of Angela Letizia
6pm**

**Thurs 22/07/21 7am Special Int.
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Soul of Michael Nam
9am Int. in hon of St Mary Magdeline**

**Mon 19/07/21 7am Special Int
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
9am Soul of Luka Fiamengo**

**Fri 23/07/21 7am Special Int
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
9am**

**Sat 24/07/21 9am Special Int.
Soul of Nathan De Abreu**

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