

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



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FIRST READING

Genesis 2: 18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So, from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These He brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So, the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, He took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib He had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127: R. v. 5

R: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands, you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

Indeed, thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:9 – 11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.
As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons

into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why He openly calls them brothers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 John 4:12

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing Him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us,' they said, 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned Him again about this, and He said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

A HUGE thank you to our Parish community for the wonderful effort made by EVERYONE for the celebration of our Parish Feast Day - we are so blessed to have such a 'giving community'. We are appreciative of everyone who contributed towards making this day so special.

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: Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm

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Married life is a gift

One of the goals of the Year of the Family which was promulgated by Pope Francis on 19 March 2021, is to proclaim that the sacrament of marriage is a gift that contains in itself a transforming power of human love. Pope Francis writes: *“Marriage is a precious sign, for “when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, ‘mirrored’ in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God’s love for us. Indeed, God is also communion: the three Persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit live eternally in perfect unity. And this is precisely the mystery of marriage: God makes of the two spouses one single existence.” (Amoris Laetitia 121)*

Married life is a gift. It is a lifelong journey of love, friendship and faith. It is a beautiful mystery wherein two individuals walk together side by side, each fully unique but joined as one. Our worldly culture tends to paint the picture of love through the lens of romance. Yet we know that romance is just one small part of married life. Romance may be the kindling that sparks the flame of love, but the true beauty of a lifelong commitment lies much deeper and is the greater gift.

The Greatest Form of Friendship

Pope Francis writes: After the love that unites us to God, conjugal love is the *“greatest form of friendship.” It is a union possessing all the traits of a good friendship: concern for the good of the other, reciprocity, intimacy, warmth, stability and the resemblance born of a shared life. (Amoris Laetitia 123)* When two individuals enter into the sacrament of marriage, they commit to be true and steadfast companions: to care for and support one another and to be faithful for the rest of their lives. In a world that is constantly changing, this kind of stability can be a source of great comfort and strength. Especially in this time that is so full of uncertainty, married life can offer a sense of peace that can be hard to find in the world. What sets the great friendship of marriage apart is how the sacrament sanctifies the passion between husband and wife. In Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis describes this passion as *“always directed to an ever more stable and intense union.”* The fire of marital passion is a life-giving force. It galvanizes the friendship between husband and wife, until it *“acquires an all-encompassing character”* that is unique to the marital union. (Courtesy: <https://archseattle.org/yof/>)

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Some of our Parishioners have expressed their desire to deepen and strengthen their knowledge and experience of Jesus Christ through the Scripture. There is an opportunity being offered in our parish.

When: 6th October to 24th November on Wednesdays at 7pm **Where:** 59 Newton Street, Spearwood

Contact Info: 94181229 Or 0452 012 091 (James Parker). **Please see the notice board for the ZOOM code.**



The Rosary will be recited at St Jerome’s Church every day, during the month of October, at 7pm.
Public Rosary will be held on Saturday 16th October at 9.45am at the Grotto.

Church Cleaners Roster:

9th October 2021 – Group 3: L Kingsley, M Palmer, M De Gois, T Fasolo, A & T Allison Forest

16th October 2021 – Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado & M Monzon

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR CHURCH WORKERS

This training is to be undertaken by all church workers / volunteers (paid or unpaid) and provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding officer and your Safeguarding role within the Parish. The next sessions are:

Saturday 16th October 10-12noon at Manning Parish & Saturday 30th October 10-12noon at St Patrick's Basilica Fremantle. To register online go to <http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/>

PLENARY COUNCIL

The Steering Team for the Plenary Council's assemblies, with sub-committees across a range of key areas, are ramping up preparations for the first assembly, which opens on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021. Council president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB will celebrate the opening Mass at 11am AWST (2pm AEDT), which will be livestreamed from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth on the Council website.

ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND ACOLYTES

You are requested to attend a meeting in St Jerome's Church on Tuesday, 12th October 2021 from 7pm to 8.30pm. It is essential that everyone attends this meeting as instruction on new or revised procedures will be given.

Please save the date in your calendars!

COVID VACCINATIONS – INFORMATION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

ANANIAS TRAINING @ OUR LADY OF LOURDES - ROCKINGHAM PARISH

WALKING WITH OTHERS THE DISCIPLESHIP PATH

Whoever chooses to follow Jesus needs someone a bit more experienced who can assist them on their journey.

Whoever chooses to follow Jesus can assist someone else, too. The Ananias Training equips people with no prior experience to listen from the heart, recognise the stage of the journey, discreetly ask relevant questions, and at times share parts of one's journey as impacted by the story of Jesus. Having people with this skill is crucial to the strengthening and development of our parish. The Training also produces a great deal of awareness of one's one journey of discipleship and can deepen one's personal relationship with Jesus.

- 13 October 2021, 6 to 8 pm, session 1: Ananias for one another
- 16 October 2021, 9 am to 1 pm, session 2: No two journeys the same
- 20 October 2021, 6 to 8 pm, session 3: Do chat part 1 - 27 October 2021, 6 to 8 pm, session 4: Do chat part 2
- 30 October 2021, 9 am to 3 pm, session 5: The Great Story of Jesus
- 3 November 2021, 6 to 8 pm, session 6: Do tell: sharing your story
- 10 November 2021, 6 to 8 pm, session 7: OPTIONAL: Small group leaders

A contribution of \$30 is welcome to meet expenses. The use of a device like a laptop, a tablet or an iPad is ideal.

Please contact the Rockingham parish office to register 95271605 or email pierluigi.vajra@perthcatholic.org.au

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Ellen Breen, 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:

Henry John Regan (*father of Helena Foster*), Dosolina (Lina) Faccin

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 02/10/21	6pm	Soul of Laura Cerqueira Souls of Juan & Maria Canada Soul of Manuel Canada Soul of Jose Silvestre Ferreira Soul of Lena Faccin Soul of Virgilio Loreto
Sun 03/10/21	8am	For the Forgotten Souls in purgatory Soul of Tindara Merenda Soul of Jose Luis Alves Soul of Antonio Ferrinda
	10am	Soul of Laurel Pepper Soul of Teresa Cicchillitti Soul of Oscar Manaloto (recently deceased) Soul of Tindara Merenda Soul of Henry John Regan B'Day Int. Angela Loreto Rodrigues
	6pm	Soul of Antonio Canestraro
Mon 04/10/21	7am	
	9am	Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda & family Soul Laurel Pepper Intentions for successful medical exam
Tues 05/10/21	7am	
	9am	Soul Laurel Pepper Souls of Roberto, Fabian & Laura Niere Thanksgiving i.h.o. St Faustina Kowalska
Wed 06/10/21	7am	Soul of Jose Paixao Garces
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Intentions of Jason Mark Phillips (birthday) Soul Laurel Pepper Soul of Jose Paixao Garces
Thurs 07/10/21	7am	
	9am	Soul Laurel Pepper Intentions of Jaiden Cassells (birthday)
Fri 08/10/21	7am	
	9am	Soul Laurel Pepper Intentions of Leanne Garces (birthday) Intentions of Fiona Coelho (birthday)
Sat 09/10/21	9am	Soul Laurel Pepper Intentions of Marilyn & Mark Pratt (Wedding Anniv)

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