

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Incorporating the Community of the Order of the Clerics Regular of Somasca - CRS

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



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT- Year C – 4th & 5th December 2021

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FIRST READING:

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you forever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God.

For God will guide Israel in joy by the light of His glory with His mercy and integrity for escort.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 125: R v.3

**R: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,

carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song,

carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING:

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord, make His path straight.

Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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: Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm

Parish Secretary:

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Father's Message

Advent Week 2

“Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.” (Luke 3:3)

How can we prepare the way for the Lord? We want to remove all obstacles that stand in the way of Jesus. We want our community to be a community of intentional disciples, vibrant and passionate.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.” (Ps 127:1)

“All mankind shall see the salvation of God.” (Luke 3:6)

We want everyone to be able to encounter Jesus powerfully present among us in the Blessed Sacrament. Today's Gospel St. Luke gives us the litany of influential political and religious.

Finally, the evangelist says that the word of God came to John's son of Zechariah, a simple and humble man. God can work marvellously through you and me, though we are weak. That's how God chooses to communicate to us.

Advent and Christmas Programme 2021

16 – 24 December - Missa do Galo at 5.30am (Portuguese Tradition Mass)

22 & 23 December, 6.00pm - 8.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Church

Friday 24 December, 6.00pm – Family Mass

Friday 24 December, 8.00pm – Christmas Mass preceded by Carols played at 7.30pm

Friday 24 December, Midnight – Christmas Mass preceded by Carols played at 11.30pm

Christmas Day Saturday 25 December, 8.00am and 10.00 am – Christmas Mass

NO 6.00PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 28 December, 7.00am and 9.00am – Feast of Holy Innocents (Blessing of children after 9.00am Mass)

Friday 31 December, 11.00pm – Thanksgiving Holy Hour

Friday 31 December, 12.00 midnight – New Year's Eve Mass

Saturday 1st January 2022 – New Year's Day – 9.00am Mass



St Lucy's Feast Day (Festa solenne di Santa Lucia)

In preparation of the Feast Day the Triduum will be on–

Wednesday 15th December 2021, 7.00pm Confession and 7.30pm Mass

Thursday 16th December 2021, 7.00pm Confession and 7.30pm Mass

Friday 17th December 2021, 7.00pm Confession and 7.30pm Mass

Sunday 19th December 2021, 2.00pm Mass and 3.15pm the procession and benediction followed by refreshments.

Thank You

A Huge Thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave up their time and helped with the Parish Busy Bee last weekend. We greatly appreciate all the hard work and effort and may God bless you all.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: FINDING JESUS IN HIS SACRAMENT OF LOVE

"Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek."

- Pope St. John Paul II

Would you like to give an hour for Jesus in adoration, who is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament? Please contact
Egidio Abreu: 94341884/ 0437 720 358; Lynette Odegaard: 0420 589 410; Edita Phillips: 9418 3758/ 0424 291 691

Church Cleaners Roster:

11th December 2021 – Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado, M Monzon

18th December 2021 – Group 1: M Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin, L Gligor

READERS' WORKSHOPS

There will be a compulsory workshop for all parish readers in our church. All readers will be expected to attend one or the other of these, or to inform **James Parker** on **0452 012 091** if they can't attend.

The TWO dates are:

- **Monday 13/12/21 at 9:45am**
- **Wednesday 15/12/21 at 6:45pm**

REGULAR COLLECTIONS AT MASS

There are generally TWO collections taken up at Mass.

THE FIRST COLLECTION entirely goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond. Each priest in a parish draws a personal stipend from the first collection for living expenses, food, health insurance and housekeeping.

Funds are also directed to:

- Priests in parishes where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend
- The support of the Archdiocesan Curia
- Priests in remote dioceses across Australia
- Clergy Retirement Foundation (in support of sick and retired clergy)

THE SECOND COLLECTION is for the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission. It is gained through:

- Planned Giving system
- Loose cash donation
- Regular direct debit donation.

What is it used for?

- Liturgical needs
- Salaries
- Utilities
- Resources
- Maintenance of churches
- Repayment of loans if any
- Parish sacramental formation and pastoral programs

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Annually, there are three Special collections in the Archdiocese: Project Compassion, Catholic Mission Appeal and Archbishop's Christmas Life Link Appeal. At times, there could be a special collection on the request of Archbishop, when natural calamity occurs. These special collections might allow the Church and its agencies to aid the needy in the parish, provide resources to humanitarian missions internationally. Donations to these appeals are one way we can express our Catholic faith, as we attempt to emulate the life of charity of Jesus Christ. Other than these collections, there will be fundraising for specific projects of the parish, which is always approved by the Parish Finance Committee.

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT - CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE GREEN AT EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE

The students at St. Jerome's Primary School and Emmanuel Catholic College presents Christmas Carols

Date: **08 December 2021** Time: arrival at **6.00pm** start time **6.30pm**

Book your tickets/ Pizza: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVNDY>

Bring a picnic rug, low chairs welcome, highchairs must be seated at the back.

Pizza is available for pre-purchase (until 03 December).



Catholic Mission's 2021 Christmas Reflection on Modern Slavery will be a live-streamed YouTube event from 7pm to 8.30pm (AWST) on Friday, December 10. A recording will be available for those who wish to view it at a more convenient time. Students from 10 Catholic colleges will be involved in the readings, music, artwork and keynote address. These young & passionate voices will provide us with a beautiful & thought-provoking experience during this Advent Season. For more information on how to attend the event online or in person, scan the QR code or email Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au

CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON OF GIVING— PRISON OUTCARE REQUIRES OUR SUPPORT

It's that time of the year again and we appeal for gifts for the children of those who are in prison. Gifts for children from Infancy to 15 years are welcome, e.g., baby clothes, baby blankets, books, bath toys, blocks, paints, play dough, wooden jigsaw puzzles, dolls, cars, balls of any kind, tea sets, cricket sets, beach towels, action figures, card games, diaries, pencils/pens, toiletries, hair accessories, movie passes or gift vouchers. Please supply batteries for battery operated gifts. **Please do not wrap presents.** Donations of wrapping paper would also be appreciated. Please return your gift by next Sunday.



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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:

Henriqe Pereira, Nina Mirco

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 04/12/21	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laurretta Yon Souls of Juan & Maria Canada Soul of Manuel Canada Soul of Elizabeth Silva Soul of Henry Law Yui Wan Holy souls in purgatory Soul of Antonio Rodrigues Loreto Soul of Virgilio Loreto Soul of Joao Emmanuel Loreto
Sun 05/12/21	8am	For the Forgotten Souls in purgatory Soul of Kathleen Bernadette O'Brien Special Int
	10am	Soul of Maria Basilio Souls of Nicasio & Fedelco Olefane Soul of Angela Healy Special Int. Coelho & Barlow families
	6pm	Soul of Elizabeth Silva Special Int. Coelho & Barlow families Souls of Giuseppe Galati & Sara Foti
Mon 06/12/21	7am	Special Int Soul of Jose Paixao Garces B'Day Int. Tony Coelho
	9am	Soul of Jose Paixao Garces B'Day Int. Tony Coelho Souls of Giuseppe & Giuseppina Ferragaro
Tues 07/12/21	7am	Special Int Soul of Anthony Be
	9am	Souls of Teodoro & Rosa Limina Soul of Kathleen Bernadette O'Brien Soul of Helen Adams
Wed 08/12/21	7am	Special Int
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Souls of Giueppe, Carmela & Joe Manucci
Thurs 09/12/21	7am	Special Int B'Day Int. Kathleen Martin
	9am	
Fri 10/12/21	7am	Special Int
	9am	Soul of Delores Da Silva
Sat 11/12/21	9am	Special Int Int. Separovich family B'Day Int. Jamie De Abreu

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