

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"



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C – 19th & 20th March 2022

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FIRST READING:

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. "I must go and look at this strange sight," Moses said, "and see why the bush is not burnt." Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. "Moses, Moses!" He said. "Here I am," he answered. "Come no nearer," He said. "Take off your shoes for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father," He said, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slavedrivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow."

Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' But if they ask me what His Name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am. This," He added, "is what you must say to the sons of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.'" This is My Name for all time; by this Name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4.6-8.11

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being bless His Holy Name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all His blessings. **R.**

It is He who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made known His ways to Moses
and His deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is His love for those who fear Him. **R.**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 4:7*

Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL:

Luke: 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this He said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did."

He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied, "Leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

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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FATHER'S MESSAGE

Are My Troubles a Punishment from God?

Does God punish us for our sins by sending us disease and disaster? Trials and tribulations? Disappointment and distress? Jesus answers those questions in today's gospel and his answer is, "No." Did those particular Galileans suffer because their sins were greater than their neighbours? No. Were those who were killed by the tower that fell in Siloam more guilty of sins than others who weren't harmed? No.

Problems, accidents, illness, crises, disappointments, hurt and pain: these visit every human life precisely because every life is human, which is to say that every life is fragile, weak, vulnerable and mortal.

My difficulties are not a punishment from God – even though, and Jesus is clear on this as well – it's certainly possible that some of my pain and problems result from how I live my life: how I fail to care for my mind, my body, my soul; how I fail in faithfulness to others; how I fail in being honest and just; how I fail in respecting and reverencing life and its gifts; how I fail in being generous with what I have.

In the second part of the Gospel Jesus invites all men and women to repentance and conversion of heart.

"But I tell you, *"...unless you repent, you will all perish as they did!"*

The important thing to note here is that Christ presents himself as the gardener – the one who patiently and humbly works in the situations of our lives to bring forth life and healing. In the parable offered by our Lord we are told that the owner of an orchard wants a fig tree that is not bearing fruit cut down, yet the gardener intercedes on behalf of the tree. He will cultivate the ground and fertilize it and then see what will happen. Then it will be decided whether to cut down the tree or not.

We need to be fruitful trees in God's orchard.

God provides opportunities for us to bear fruit.

Every Friday of Lent	7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass
Every Tuesday of Lent	Lenten Program in preparation for Easter
Commencing 8th March 2022	7pm in the St Lucy's Room. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church to be included in this program. The programme will include 6 sessions. Duration: 1½ hours
19th March 2022	Lenten Healing Retreat 9.30am – 1.30pm (See poster in the foyer for further details)
Wednesday 13th April 2022	6pm – 8pm St Jerome's Parish First Rite of Reconciliation

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY PERTH (CYM)

Catholic Youth Ministry, Perth is the official youth ministry agency of Roman Archdiocese of Perth. Assisting young people aged 13-30 to build a deep and lasting relationship with Jesus.

St Jerome's will be hosting CYM on Wednesdays for their weekly Adoration, Mass and fellowship on the following Dates: March 23rd & 30th - April 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th.

Timetable: Holy Hour 5:30-6:30pm. Short break to prepare for Mass.

6:45 - 7:15pm Mass of the Day - Thereafter fellowship in the parish hall

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers - Online

Thank you to our volunteers who attended the Safeguarding Induction Session held in our Parish Hall on 19th February. If you would like to receive a Certificate of Completion, please contact Ingka Iwansantoso at the Safeguarding Office on 9221 7762. For those parish volunteers who have not yet attended a Safeguarding Induction for Church Workers, the Safeguarding Office will conduct 2-hour online sessions via ZOOM in the upcoming months of 2022.

Wednesday, 09 March 2022 – 10am - Wednesday, 23 March 2022 – 7 pm - Wednesday 13 April 2022 – 10 am

Friday 06 May 2022 – 10 am - Tuesday, 17 May 2022 – 1 pm (see poster in the foyer for further dates)

To register please visit: www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au Or phone 9221 7762.



Third Sunday of Lent 19 & 20 March



Janice 44 is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help! Visit www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine

Youth Ministry

Are you in grade 6 to grade 12? What are you doing on Friday evenings?

You are invited to **Youth Night every Friday** from 7pm - 9pm in the St Jerome's parish Hall.

Come along for FUN, FOOD, and FRIENDSHIP!

Email: somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com

Instagram: somteens.stjeromes

Any parishioners who can donate food for these gatherings, please contact Hannah on the above email address, or speak to one of our priests.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Alex Baggio, Ellen Breen, Jim Hill, Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Lucia Merenda,
Madeleine Lombardo & Maria Fernandez

(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Fred Bombara, Salvatore Calderaro,
Robert (Robbie) De Abreu, Nikola Štedul - Croatia (brother of Ivan Štedul)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 19/03/22	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laurretta Yon Souls of Charles Sweeney & Robert Pereira Soul of Ilde Vener Soul of Carolina Scarvaci Souls of Carlo & Ada Monaco Soul of Giuseppe Dolsadelli Soul of Merlin LaFrenais Souls of Manuel De Gouveia & Maria Odete Canada Souls of Joao & Manuel Canada
Sun 20/03/22	8am	Soul of Manuel Soul of Lukrecija Bogdan Souls of Ivan & Kata Bozanic Soul of Angelina Fiorenza Soul of Luciano Cicanese Souls of Juanita and Justo Sesante Birthday thanksgiving of Junette Cassells
	10am	Soul of Maria Basilio Soul of George & Antonieta Da Silva Souls of Carl & Ada Monaco Soul of Pat Peccia Intentions of Joselyn & Reggie Balmes & Family
	6pm	Int. of Shaw family
Mon 21/03/22	7am	Soul of Manuel Soul of Nathan De Abreu
	9am	Int. of Bremner family
Tues 22/03/22	7am	Soul of Manuel
	9am	Int. of Hooper family
Wed 23/03/22	7am	Soul of Manuel
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families For the souls in purgatory & for the conversion of the world. Int. of Vince & Antonia Monastra (wed anni)
Thurs 24/03/22	7am	Soul of Manuel Souls of Hilario & Jorge De Oliveira
	9am	Int. of Levco Family
Fri 25/03/22	7am	Soul of Manuel
	9am	Int. of Collins family
	7pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat 26/03/22	9am	Soul of Manuel

Church Cleaners Roster:

26th March 2022 – Group 3: L Kingsley, M Palmer, L Odegaard, M De Gois,
T Fasolo, A & T Allison-Forest
2nd April 2022 – Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado,
M Monzon



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