

# 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"



**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C – 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

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**FIRST READING:** *Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 33:2-7 R.v.9*

**R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
His praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast,  
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me,  
together let us praise His name.  
I sought the Lord and He answered me;  
from all my terrors He set me free. **R.**

Look towards Him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

**SECOND READING:** *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on His reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, not holding men's faults against them, and He has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in Him we might become the goodness of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Luke 15:18*

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL:** *Luke: 15:1-3, 11-32*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what He had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to His father, 'Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.'" So the father divided the property between them. A few days later the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country, where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, 'How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you: I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.'" So, he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead, and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.'" And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants, he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come," replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound."

He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, 'Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends.

But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." '

**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

In today's gospel, we have the story of the Prodigal son, which presents us with an overwhelming picture of God who is all-loving, all-caring, and all-forgiving.

There are a few points for our reflection

1. The central focus of the parable, however, remains on the **father** throughout the story. The sons are also important but in a different way.
2. The magnanimous heart of the father: when the children asked for a share of the property, which is the hard work of the father, he, without any questions divides the property.
3. The father who does not restrict freedom, rather gives freehand to exercise the freedom.
4. The father eagerly awaits with hope the return of the son.
5. The Father who celebrates the return of the son.
6. The father, who shares everything ***"my son, you are with me always and all I have is yours"***

So, the young man is enticed by the world and all its sinful allurements. He unashamedly stands before his father and demands his "rightful share" of his father's estate, as if his father were already dead.

The elder son, despite the fact that he was with his father all those years, was shocked that his father threw the party. He still didn't know or understand his father's heart; maybe the servants understood his father better.

Do you relate to the prodigal son that is back now after squandering? Or do you relate more with the older brother who is resentful and angry and demanding?

***The wonderful thing is God the Father loves both of them.***

LENTEN/EASTER PROGRAM 2022	
Every Friday of Lent	7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass
Every Tuesday of Lent: 8 <sup>th</sup> March to 5 <sup>th</sup> April	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
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm – 8pm St Jerome's Parish First Rite of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Last Supper Mass followed by adoration at the altar of reposition until Midnight
Good Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	6am Silent Adoration starts 10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Celebration of the Passion
Holy Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April	10am – 11.30am First Rite Reconciliation – NO CONFESSIONS AT 5PM <b>7PM - EASTER VIGIL</b>
Easter Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Usual Sunday Mass Times (8am, 10am & 6pm)

**POPE FRANCIS CONSECRATES UKRAINE AND RUSSIA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

Pope Francis sent a letter to all Catholic Bishops ahead of the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, calling it a "gesture of the universal Church" to invoke an end to the violence and suffering of innocent people.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2022/documents/20220321-lettera-consacrazione-cuoredimaria.html>

**ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/20220325-atto-consacrazione-cuoredimaria.html>

**Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers - Online**

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 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](http://www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au) Or phone 9221 7762.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**



From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*.**

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](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**WOMEN WITH A MISSION WEEKEND – A LIFE FOR LOVE RETREAT**

**21-22 MAY 2022, ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE, 25 MOORE STREET, MANJIMUP**

Commemoration of the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Sr Irene McCormack RSJ, and celebration of the Beatification of Pauline Jaricot, foundress of Catholic Mission. Commencing on Saturday 21 May at 12.30pm, the programme will include reflections on Mission and the meaning of giving your life for love, sharing by people who knew Sr Irene and her work, and Mass at 6pm. Sunday's programme will be Mass at 8.30am followed by a retreat on the life and work of Pauline Jaricot. The retreat will conclude at 1pm. Cost: Adults \$20; Concession \$15 or what you can afford. Online attendance available. Light lunch and refreshments provided. Further information: Deborah 0419 939 864 / [bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au)

**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](mailto: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.**

Philip Daly

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 26/03/22	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laurretta Yon Souls of Carlo & Ada Monaco Int. of Henrico Louis, Luc Antoine Louis & Xavier Alexandre Figaro
Sun 27/03/22	8am	Soul of Manuel Soul of Elio Boni
	10am	Soul of Maria Basilio Soul of Tindara Merenda Souls of Leonardo Abrusci & Franco Ciccarone Intentions of Licel & Ramon Otero & Family Intentions of all who organised Lenten Healing Retreat
	6pm	Souls of Patrick Anthony Sumner & Patricia Mary Sumner I.h.o. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Mon 28/03/22	7am	Soul of Manuel Soul of Dano Jelincic
	9am	All Souls in Purgatory Soul of Oswald Brice Phillips
Tues 29/03/22	7am 9am	Soul of Manuel
Wed 30/03/22	7am 9am	Soul of Manuel Soul of Charlie Scafidi Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Soul of Alice Margaret Phillips I.h.o. St Joseph for blessings & protection
Thurs 31/03/22	7am 9am	Soul of Manuel Soul of Grazia Maria Romano
Fri 01/04/22	7am 9am 7pm	Soul of Manuel Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat 02/04/22	9am	Soul of Manuel

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 at 6pm – Our Lady of the Miraculous  
Medal Mass, Novena & Benediction.  
Fr Ted Miller will be Concelebrating the Mass.**

**Church Cleaners Roster:**

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 – Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado,  
M Monzon

9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Group 1: Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin & L Gligor



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