

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"



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C – 19th & 20th February 2022

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FIRST READING

Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102 R. v. 8

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 is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear Him. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6: 27-38

Jesus said to His disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He himself is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.'

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

Jesus addresses his disciples. He trains them to love their enemies. To love enemies is to make a deliberate and intentional choice.

The words of Jesus constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: ***Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do good unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.***

But the question that most of us are asking is this: How about if he abuses our love for him or if he does not accept it? What shall we do?

You, what are you going to do? Are you going to let him do what he wants?

So, in the context of the refusal to accept our love and if a peaceful response is not reciprocated, we do not have to worry. It is certain that it will come back to us. Our charity must help him/her to seek God's forgiveness.

Forgiveness in the gospel always implies reconciliation; it involves bringing people together again and the healing of wounds but not the destruction of the wrongdoer.

"For if you judge people, you have no time to love them." (Mother Teresa)

Secondly, the gospel passage invites us to give generously:

"give, and there will be gifts for you: full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap: because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back." (Lk6:38)

At times, we expect more results for the less effort. It does not happen. The more effort we put in, the greater the result will be. The less amount of time we give the less quality will be the result.

As we reflect on the Word of God today we are reminded of the beautiful Prayer of Generosity by St. Ignatius of Loyola:

***Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;
Teach me to serve You as I should
To give and not count the cost
To fight and not to heed the wounds
To labour and not to seek to rest
To give of myself and not to ask for a reward
Save that of knowing that I do your Most holy will.
Amen.***

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY PARISHIONER OF ST JEROME'S WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS DUE TO ILLNESS AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME?

PLEASE SUPPLY THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT NUMBER TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

Church Cleaners Roster:

26th February 2022 – Group 3: L Kingsley, M Palmer, L Odegaard, M De Gois, T Fasolo, A & T Allison-Forest

5th March 2022 – Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado, M Monzon



Let us come together and pray for all who are sick and suffering, on the dates Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette. Particularly let us pray for an end to COVID-19.

Rosary will be **LIVESTREAMED on the St Jerome's Parish Facebook page at 7PM** on each of the following apparition dates:

Saturday February 19

Sunday February 20

Monday February 21

Wednesday February 23

Thursday February 24

Friday February 25

Sunday February 27

Monday February 28

Tuesday March 1

Wednesday March 2

Thursday March 3

Friday March 4

Friday March 25

Thursday April 7

Saturday July 1

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**

"DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD"

You are invited to celebrate the gift of life by attending the Feast of the Annunciation Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 26th March at 10am.

This Mass will incorporate The International Day of The Unborn Child (established by Saint John Paul II to coincide specifically with this beautiful Feast Day) and will include a special memorial procession. You will have the opportunity to place a flower at the foot of the Altar in honour of all unborn children or specifically in remembrance of your own child/ren who died prior to birth. For men and women hurt by abortion this is a wonderful opportunity to experience God's mercy and healing.

Please stay for morning tea after Mass in the function room downstairs.

For further enquiries call Carmel or Lisette on 9328 2929.

Youth Ministry

*Are you in grade 6 or in high school?
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

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

FOR DONATIONS!

Due to the CoVid Food Supply Restrictions, our Pantry is urgently in need of tinned meat, such as ham, Spam or corned beef.

DONATIONS OF THESE ITEMS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!





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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Alex Baggio, Ellen Breen, Jim Hill, Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros,
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 – R.I.P.

Francesco Mirco, Giuseppina Di Mento & Brendan Mooney

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

- Sat 19/02/22 6pm** Soul of Ken Orr
Soul of Laretta Yon
Soul of Pina Di Mento
- Sun 20/02/22 8am** Soul of Carmina Galea
Soul of Angelo De Robertis
Soul of Angelina Fiorenza
- 10am** Soul of Maria Basilio
Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 6pm** Birthday Intentions of Brandon & Nicole Benn
- Mon 21/02/22 7am** A Special Intention
Soul of Nathan De Abreu
Soul of Severino Mapula
- 9am**
- Tues 22/02/22 7am** A Special Intention
9am Birthday intentions of Isabella
- Wed 23/02/22 7am** A Special Intention
Soul of Antonio Maciel Coelho
Soul of Paolo Fiorenza
- 9am** Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
- Thurs 24/02/22 7am** A Special Intention
Souls of Hilario & Jorge De Oliveira
- 9am**
- Fri 25/02/22 7am** A Special Intention
9am
- Sat 26/02/22 9am** Birthday Intentions of Calogero Barbagiovanni

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