

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Year C – 1st & 2nd January 2022

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you His glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nation's come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71 R v 11

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
That he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **R**

In His days justice shall flourish
And peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
From the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts shall pay Him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring Him gifts.
Before Him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve Him. **R**

For He shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
And save the lives of the poor. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace He meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery.

This mystery that has now been revealed through the Holy Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body and that the same promise has been made to them in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**We have seen His star in the East;
And have come to adore the Lord
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the East. 'Where is the infant King of the Jews?' they asked, 'We saw His star as it rose and have come to pay Him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'For this is what the prophet wrote: and you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said, 'and when you have found Him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there, in front of them, was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with His mother Mary and falling to their knees they did Him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and returned to their own country by a different way.

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 Thursday 9am to 2.30pm

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Father's Message

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn”. (Lk2:7)

Jesus was pushed out of the Inn ((where people congregate to stay overnight) and placed him on the boundaries.

“He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.” (Jn1:11)

The Magi took a long journey to see Jesus, guided by the star, to worship and adore him.

Epiphany! The Lord is made manifest to us! The Lord is revealed to us! Most of us remember the story of the three wise men but often we have never seriously thought about the meanings that are in that story and what they mean for our daily living.

Perhaps on this Epiphany we could stop for a moment and ask ourselves: Where do I experience God? How does God become manifest to me? How do the Scriptures reveal God to me?

Again, we can return to basic questions: Do I seek God? Am I willing to adore God and give my life over to Him and take all the risks of a journey to be with Him? Am I on a spiritual journey now?

NEW YEAR WISHES

I wish you all a happy new year. I entrust you to the care of God, who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us (Eph 3:20). May this new year of 2022 help us to grow in appreciation of God's plan of love for us, so that we may surrender ourselves to his will totally, so as to experience the joy, peace and happiness that God alone can give us.

Fr Vijay D'Souza CRS

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE- ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB, -ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH

What other nation is there that has its gods so near to them as our God is near to us? (Deuteronomy 4:7)

The truth of these words, spoken by Moses to God's Chosen People, was revealed when God, who loved the world so much, sent his only Son, not to condemn the world but so that the world might be saved through him (cf. John 3:16-17).

This is what we remember and what we celebrate as Christmas comes around again this year. Saint Augustine, one of the greatest Christian leaders of the early Church, once said in a beautiful prayer: "You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you" (Saint Augustine Confessions Book 1). This thought of resting in God, of finding peace and stillness in God, of realising that the true meaning of life can only be found in God, is really what lies at the heart of Christmas. It is why the child whose birth we celebrate is called the Prince of Peace; it is why He is called Emmanuel, a name which means God is with us. It is why the angel Gabriel told Mary to call her son Jesus, a name which means "the one who saves".

(http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Latest_News_2021_Christmas_Message.htm)

The Divine Mercy devotion will be held on Sunday 2nd December at 2.15pm in our Parish

Church Cleaners Roster:

8th January 2022 – Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado & M Monzon

15th January 2022 – Group 1: M Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin & L Gligor

EMILIANI INTERCESSORS FOR RENEWAL

The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal will meet Friday 7th January 2022 at 6.00pm to pray together with Our Blessed Mother for Parish, Families and Personal renewal of Our Church back to the holiness of apostolic times, together with offering intercessory prayers for specific needs and requests within our parish community.

All are invited to send any specific prayer requests that you or someone you know who is in need of prayer intercession to **renewal@somascan.org.au** or to Maria De Sousa on **0421 079 818**.

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**

ARE YOU INTERESTED AND WILLING TO JOIN HANDS TO RENEW AND EVANGELISE OUR PARISH?

What is your vision and dream for our Parish? Come, watch some videos on best practices of parish renewal and share few thoughts.

Dates: **Thursdays of January 06, 13, 20 and 27**

Time: **7.00 – 9.00pm**

Place: **Parish Hall**

'VICTORY' THE 32nd ANNUAL FLAME CONGRESS

will take place on the 14th, 15th & 16th of **JANUARY 2022 at Trinity College, Perth**. The speakers presenting at the event are Archbishop Emeritus of Perth, Barry J Hickey, Shayne Bennett, Oceania Delegate for the CHARIS International service of Communion, Kay Rollings FMI SD and Cyrus D'Souza FMI SD. This is a free event. For more details refer to the poster in the foyer or contact Kaye Rollings at **kaye@flameministries.org**, Mob – 0421605502; Cyrus D'Souza at **cyrus@flameministries.org** Mob - 0403414621

A SPIRITUAL GROWTH PLAN FOR 2022

- Develop the ability to RELAX—to slowdown and be at peace in the presence of a loving God. Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, exercise and a hobby can be useful in this regard.
- A daily EXAMINATION of conscience helps you see yourself as Christ sees you—with love, respect, forgiveness. Keeping a small journal may help.
- Choose a SPIRITUAL GUIDE—someone who can help you keep in touch with the forgiving and creative presence of Christ in your life.
- READ & MEDITATE each day on the life of Jesus Christ and His teachings.
- PRAY—each and every day—at Mass if possible.
- SERVE—volunteer your time and energy, your mind and heart to help others come closer to Jesus Christ and His Church.

Compulsory Safeguarding workshop at St Jerome's Parish Hall



Due to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference broadening of safeguarding requirements to include vulnerable adults, it is now mandatory for **ALL** church workers (volunteers or paid) to attend a 2-hour training session.

Church Volunteers training is being offered at St Jerome's Parish Hall on **Saturday, 19th February 2022 from 10am to 12pm**. Coffee & Tea provided.

To register please go to the safeguarding website at

<http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/> Or phone our office on 9221 7762.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Alex Baggio, 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:

Francesco Vicario

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 01/01/22	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Joao Cerqueira
Sun 02/01/22	8am	For the Forgotten Souls in purgatory Soul of Joao Cerqueira B'Day Int. Sebastian Catalano
	10am	Soul of Maria Basilio Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu Soul of Marianna Trolio & Francesco Trolio Soul of Peter Stampone A special Int Int. for Nelson
	6pm	Special Int. Coelho & Garces families Souls of Helena Pereira family Holy souls in purgatory
Mon 03/01/22	7am	Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu Soul of Joao Cerqueira Soul of Raffaele D'Angelo A special Int.
	9am	Int. for Nelson
Tues 04/01/22	7am	Soul of Joao Cerqueira Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu A special Int.
	9am	Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda Int. for Nelson
Wed 05/01/22	7am	Soul of Joao Cerqueira Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu Special Int
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Int. for Nelson
Thurs 06/01/22	7am	Soul of Joao Cerqueira Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu Special Int
	9am	Int. for Nelson
Fri 07/01/22	7am	Soul of Joao Cerqueira Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu Special Int
	9am	Int. in thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit Int. for Nelson
Sat 08/01/22	9am	Soul of Maria Matilde Abreu Int. for Nelson B'Day Int Mary Della Special Int

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