

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"

24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 11th September 2022

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FIRST READING: *Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave Me now. My wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should Your wrath blaze out against this people of Yours whom You brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on His people the disaster He had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 50: R .Lk 15:18*

R: I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness.
In Your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
nor deprive me of Your holy Spirit. **R**

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare Your praise,
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart You will not spurn. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Timothy 1: 12-17*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who has judged me faithful enough to call me into His service, even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus.

Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of His inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would have to trust in Him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Luke 15:1-32*

The tax collectors and 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:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one until he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly until she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say, "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

(He also said, '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. **(Shortened form)**

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

THE LOST SHEEP, THE LOST COIN, THE LOST SON

Today, the church offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's mercy and compassion. This is fully revealed in His son Jesus Christ.

In the second reading, we heard how the mercy of God sanctified Paul because he had sincerity of heart. By the mercy of God, Paul, formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence, was made an example to those who would come to believe in Jesus.

THE THREE PARABLES ARE DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER

THE LOST SHEEP: the sheep wanders away without knowing the way. The shepherd goes in search of, and he finds the sheep and later rejoices.

An interesting point to note is that the sheep allows itself to be found by the shepherd.

There are many among us who are lost but chooses not to be found by the shepherd

THE LOST COIN: The woman knows the worth of the Drachma.

She is careless in taking care of it.

There are many faithful who know the mercy and love of God. They are aware that it is worth it to be in relationship with Jesus. But live a carefree life.

THE LOST SON: The Lost son deliberately choses to go away from the father and the elder son though he stays with the father, he does not experience the tender love of the father.

There are many among us who chose to leave the Father and many who are with the Father but never experience the Mercy and Tender love of the Father.

Humbly we must make a very important decision like the prodigal son:

"I will leave this place and go back to my father."

WHAT'S ON?

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022 - The children of our Parish and School Community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation **on Saturday 17th September, 6pm Mass** and on **Sunday 18th September, 10am Mass**. Please pray for them, that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit and remain faithful followers of Our Lord Jesus.

St Jerome's Feast Day

The Feast of our Patron, St Jerome (Doctor of the Church) will be celebrated on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of October at each of the weekend Masses. Due to the renovations currently taking place in the parish hall, we will postpone our usual community lunch to a later date.



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday



PAKISTAN FLOOD CRISIS APPEAL

The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1,100 people.

The United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis have been affected by the flooding.

More than one third of the country has been completely submerged by the heaviest recorded monsoon rains in a decade. There are fears that the death toll will continue to rise.

Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from disaster.

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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.

- Monday, 10 October 2022 at 2 pm
- Friday, 21 October 2022 at 10 am
- Wednesday, 26 October 2022 at 7pm
- Tuesday, 01 November 2022 at 10 am
- Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 2 pm
- Wednesday, 07 December 2022 at 2 pm
- Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 7 pm

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 10/09/22	6pm	Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Ken Orr Souls of Sam & Ignatius Said Souls of Teresa & Jack Dunno Souls of Henrico & Luc Antoine Louis Soul of Xavier Alexandre Figaro Soul of Robert Hurringhee
Sun 11/09/22	8am	Intentions of Jacob Ramos & Family Intentions of Vilka Mihaljevic Soul of Gabriel Abreu Soul of Gerald Iannuzelli Soul of Lourdes Abreu Souls in Purgatory
	10am	I.H.O. The Sacred Heart of Jesus I.H.O. St Lucy I.H.O. St Anthony Soul of Ante Curavich Soul of Maria Fatima Garces (25yrs Anniv.) Soul of Chris Brown (Recently Deceased)
Mon 12/09/22	6pm	Intentions of Antonio Paulo Da Silva Abreu
	7am	Good Health of Joao & Natalia De Brito Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Souls in Purgatory Soul of Gabriel Abreu In Thanksgiving – Genevieve Ling Birthday Intentions of Fr Vijay D'Souza
Tues 13/09/22	7am	Souls in Purgatory Int. of Joao Manuel, Salome, Alzira, Mia, Fatima & Helen
	9am	Souls in Purgatory Soul of Antonino O'cello Birthday Intentions of Antonia Ullaga
Wed 14/09/22	7am	Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families Souls in Purgatory Soul of Jakov Fiamengo
Thurs 15/09/22	7am	Souls in Purgatory Deceased Mbs of the Goncalves Family Souls of Nina & Dano Jelincic
	9am	Souls in Purgatory In Thanksgiving i.h.o. Our Lady of Sorrows
Fri 16/09/22	7am	Soul of Peter Nguyen Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 17/09/22	9am	Birthday Intentions of Athul Soul of José Garces

RECENTLY DECEASED – RIP: Maria Abreu

THE LEGION OF MARY meets every Thursday at 6pm in the Parish Resource Room (entrance at parish office).
President- Egidio Abreu 0437 720 358

Church Cleaners Roster:

17th September 2022 – Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado & M Monzon
24th September 2022 – Group 1: M Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin & L Gligor



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