

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"

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A – 4th December 2022

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FIRST READING:

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances.
He gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;
His sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 71. v.7

**R: Justice shall flourish in His time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king.
To a king's son your justice,
that He may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **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**

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**

May His Name be blessed for ever,
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in Him,
all nations bless His Name. **R**

SECOND READING:

St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives us of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that, united in mind and voice, you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for His mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your Name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea, and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

"A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
Make his paths straight"

This man John wore a garment made of camelhair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire.

I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.

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: Tues, Wed. & Friday 9am to 2.30pm

PARISH SECRETARY: Sandy Catanzaro / Alicia Benn
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DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY EFT OR DIRECTLY DEPOSITED INTO:

The 1st collection (for the support of priest in our Parish & in the Archdiocese)

BSB – 086 006 Account No- 237719937 Account Name: R.C.A of Perth St Jeromes Parish Spearwood Presbytery

The 2nd collection (for the running of our Parish)

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Please quote your name and planned giving number as the reference.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON PROGRAMME -2022

16th - 24th December – Missa do Gallo at 5.30am (Portuguese Tradition)

22nd & 23rd December - 6.00pm – 8.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (CONFESSION)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – 24TH December:

6.00pm - Family Mass (others also welcome)

8.00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

Midnight - Christmas Mass

Christmas Day 25th December:

08.00am and 10.00am

NO 6.00PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 28th December: 7.00am and 9.00am – Feast of the Holy Innocents (Blessing of children after each Mass)

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Saturday December 31st:

6.00pm – Mass- Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

11.00pm - Thanksgiving Holy Hour

12.00 Midnight - **New Year's Mass**

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Sunday 1st January:

Masses 08.00am, 10.00am and 06.00pm - **Solemnity of Mary Mother of God and New Year**

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF BRO. SHELDON BURKE, CRS

Bro. Sheldon Burke will be ordained as Deacon by His Grace Most Rev. Timothy Costelloe, SDB, Archbishop of Perth, at 11.00am on Saturday 10th December 2022 at Sacred heart Catholic Church, 50 Oven Road, Thornlie. Bro. Sheldon requests your precious prayers on this occasion, also extends warm invitation to participate in the celebration.

SAVE THE DATE – 18TH DECEMBER 2022 @10.00AM

Parish Christmas Lunch

On Sunday 18th December we will celebrate our Parish Christmas Lunch as the first occasion in the refurbished hall (kitchen and toilets) with the Holy Mass at 10.00am followed by Lunch.

Please Contact Helena Foster - 0410466047 (Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson) and Ann Taylor –0423885104 (Parish Pastoral Council Secretary) for food and other necessary arrangements.

ST LUCY'S FEAST DAY (FESTA SOLENNE DI SANTA LUCIA)

In preparation of the Feast Day the Triduum will be on–

Wednesday 14th December 2021, 7.00pm Confession and 7.30pm Mass

Thursday 15th December 2021, 7.00pm Confession and 7.30pm Mass

Friday 16th December 2021, 7.00pm Confession and 7.30pm Mass

Sunday 18th December 2021, 2.00pm Mass and 3.15pm the procession and benediction followed by refreshments.



PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

To prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus Christ there is a Portuguese Tradition of having Mass every morning for nine days ending on Christmas Eve prior to Christmas Day. The Mass will be said in English and the choir will sing songs dedicated to the birth of Christ in Portuguese. Everyone is welcome to join in these Masses and help in preparing ourselves for this important day. These Masses will commence on the 16th of December and will continue until the 24th of December, at 5.30am each day.

CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS!

As in previous years, we will have a miniature nativity play at the start of the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Your child is welcome to come to the 6.00pm Mass dressed simply as a shepherd or angel. They will be invited to join in our procession of shepherds or angels, **gathering in the church foyer at 5.50pm.**

We are also searching for seven children for specific roles: a 'Joseph,' 'Mary,' three 'Wise Men' (boys and/or girls welcome), a lead angel and a lead shepherd. If your child or grandchild (between ages 6 and 16) can fill one of these roles (no reading/speaking required) and come for a **practice on Saturday, December 10th, at 10.30am**, please contact **Clare on 0409929742 for further details**. Costumes for these roles will be provided. Thank you!

Advent 2022 – Preparing for Christmas with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

“You don’t become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!”

You are invited to Prepare for Christmas this Advent (starting November 27th) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent> Email: info@brucedownes.org

SYNOD OF BISHOPS - CONTINENTAL STAGE

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

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.

- **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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SOMteens (Grade 6-12)

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

SOMASCAN YOUNG ADULTS (Age group 18-30)

If you are interested in being part of a welcoming, faith-focused group of young people, St Jerome’s Young adults would love for you to join us! Weekly Gatherings: **Wed 7pm** Youth Mass: **Sun 6pm**

To join us, please email the parish office or speak to one of our members

(Usually at the choir area after Sunday Youth Mass). 😊

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 03/12/22	6pm	Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Ken Orr Souls of Jack & Teresa Dunno Soul of Barbara Illingsworth Souls of Antonio & Virgilio Loreto Birthday Intentions of Connie Ascenso
Sun 04/12/22	8am	Soul of Felice Morolla Soul of Helen Adams Intentions of Seronia Stout
	10am	Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda Soul of Lisa Merenda Souls of Agostinho & Jamie De Freitas Souls of Maria Fatima & Jose Garces Soul of Nazare Camacho Soul of Antonio Terribile Souls of Sarah & Sebastian Mignacca Soul of Girolamo Burdi Soul of Chris Brown
	6pm	
Mon 05/12/22	7am	Soul of Matilde Dos Santos
	9am	Soul of Matilde Dos Santos and the deceased members of the Dos Santos and Grima families Soul of Melissa Carosella Soul of John Cerqueira (1 st anniv.)
Tues 06/12/22	7am	
	9am	
Wed 07/12/22	7am	Soul of Anthony Be
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
Thurs 08/12/22	7am	
	9am	
Fri 09/12/22	7am	
	9am	
Sat 10/12/22	9am	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Tony Churchill, Alex Baggio, Ellen Breen, Jim Hill, Sister Renee Quadros,
Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo & Maria Fernandez
(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

Church Cleaners Roster:

10th December 2022- Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado & M Monzon

17th December 2022- Group 1: M Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin & L Gligor

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



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