

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"



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A – 11th December 2022

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*

Let the wilderness and the dry lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God; He is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy in their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 145 R. cf. Isa 35:4*

R: Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is He who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING: *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 11:2-11*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask Him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is.

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**

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 18TH DECEMBER 2022 @10.00AM

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.

Parishioners are invited to bring cakes (already sliced) or biscuits only.

Please Contact Helena Foster - 0410466047 (Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson) and Ann Taylor –0423885104 (Parish Pastoral Council Secretary) for further details.

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.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF BR JOHN JOSEPH MARTIN

(aka Callum Martin – son of Edward and Renate)

Br John Joseph will be ordained as a Deacon in Tasmania on Tuesday, 13th of December at 4pm (WST). The event will be livestreamed on: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MeDroG-hvHE&ab_channel=ArchdioceseofHobart#bottom-sheet Please keep him in your prayers. (He is a former member of St Jerome's Youth Group.)



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 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. This year we would like to get organized in a better way for the nativity play. If your child or grandchild (between ages 6-14) would like to participate in the play please come for the practice session to be held on **Saturday, 10 December at 10.30am at the Parish Hall**. Please contact Clare on 0409929742 for further details.

Frs. Mathew and Chris honoured in NSW

They were both honoured by the Minister for Multiculturalism, Hon Mark Coure MP, on 28 November 2022 at the oldest Parliament House in Australia to be the recipients of awards for their service to the community during the COVID lockdowns and restrictions in NSW. They "endeavoured to imitate St Jerome Emiliani through daily pastoral visits and service of the poor together with the Somascan Lay Movement collaborators."

Well done, Fathers!

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth - Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities available for suitably qualified persons to join their team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to

<https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

For a copy of the Job Description and to submit your application please email: recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au

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.

- **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 10/12/22	6pm	Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Mauro Paparella
Sun 11/12/22	8am	
	10am	Soul of Chris Brown Soul of Giovanna Santella Souls of Cosimo Paparella, Lina Coia, Mario Santella & Armanda Sebastiani Soul of Maria Vetta B'Day Int. Jamie De Abreu
	6pm	Soul of Perica Simich Souls of Jelica Bacich, Marko Donjerkovich, Petar Oreb, Jerolima & Frana Oreb
Mon 12/12/22	7am	
	9am	Int. in hon of St Anthony
Tues 13/12/22	7am	
	9am	Int. in hon of St Anthony Soul of Fr David Thexeira In Thanksgiving in honour of St Lucy
Wed 14/12/22	7am	Soul of Carmela Barbagiovanni
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
Thurs 15/12/22	7am	
	9am	Int. in hon of St Anthony
Fri 16/12/22	5.30	Int. of Paulo Fernandes
	7am	Soul of Mattha Ne Souls of Armando & George Correia
	9am	Souls of Tony Alvaro & Giuseppe & Maria Romano
Sat 17/12/22	5.30	Int. Mathew & Alison De Sousa
	9am	Soul of Jose Garces

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:

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

24th December 2022- Group 2: S Revillame, M Mercado, J Balmes, M Cristobal,
L Otero, A Magbuhat & J Clarete

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

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION IN NEIGHBOURING PARISH

Friday 16th December at 7.00pm: Our lady of Lourdes (Rockingham)



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