

# 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"

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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### **FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 7:10-14*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or the heights above. 'No,' Ahaz answered, 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

"Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord Himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'."

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 23 R vv.7-10*

**R: Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters He made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

### **SECOND READING:** *St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7*

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through His prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature He took, was a descendant of David; it is about Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in Him, was proclaimed Son of God in all His power through His resurrection from the dead.

Through Him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of His Name. You are one of these nations, and by His call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Matthew 1:23*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The virgin will give birth to a Son:

His Name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 1:18-24*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son and you must name Him Jesus, because He is the one who is to save His people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection (for the running of our Parish)**

**BSB – 086 006 Account No- 485592103 Account Name:** R.C.A of Perth St Jeromes Parish Spearwood

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

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON PROGRAMME -2022**

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

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Eve – 24<sup>TH</sup> December:**

6.00pm - Family Mass, 8.00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass, Midnight - Christmas Mass

**Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December:**

08.00am and 10.00am - **NO 6.00PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

**NEW YEAR'S EVE - Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

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 1<sup>st</sup> January:**

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



**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 commenced on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December and will continue until the 24<sup>th</sup> 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, with the children dressed in their costumes. After the play, children will sit with their parents for the duration of the Mass. Parent helpers are welcome! Please contact Clare on 0409929742 for further details.



## SOMASCAN MISSIONS RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale after all the weekend Masses.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Maldives 5 nights/6 days package for two (including return airfares) with Magi Holidays

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Two-toned Rosary Necklace from Nader Jewellers

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** KitchenAid Artisan Mixer

**1 Ticket: \$5 - 3 Tickets: \$10 – 20 Tickets: \$60**

## CHRISTMAS REFLECTION ON MODERN SLAVERY



Thank you to all those in the parish who supported Catholic Mission's Christmas Reflection on Modern Slavery last weekend.

The CathNews link to the article about this Concert event is <https://cathnews.com/2022/12/12/music-stirs-up-modern-slavery-reflection/>

An inspiring recording of this Christmas concert in Word & Music is available from this link: [www.cm.org.au/Perth2022](http://www.cm.org.au/Perth2022) . Please contact [director.cm@perthcatholic.org](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org) for further information.

## ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the Fourth Sunday of Advent will support *Mudra Sprava* (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: [www.catholic.au](http://www.catholic.au)

**DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

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

## 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](mailto: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 17/12/22	6pm	Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Ken Orr Souls of Giulio & Vittoria Giorgi Souls of Arminda & Armando Tucci Souls of Giorgio & Angelina Giorgi Soul of Vince Favazzo Soul of Isabel De Jesus Souls of Concetta & Giuseppe Pietroniro Soul of Jim McFadyen
Sun 18/12/22	5.30am	Intentions of Maria Da Luz Aguiar
	8am	Soul of Elio Boni Souls of Lues & Gilhermo Coelho
	10am	Soul of Tindara Merenda Soul of Sr Canisius Mladinich Intentions of Martha Kalat
	6pm	Souls of Carmelo & Antonia Acquado
Mon 19/12/22	5.30am	Intentions of Ermina Faria
	7am	Soul of Antonino Catalano
	9am	Soul of Josefina Beatriz De Jesus Soul of Jim McFadyen
Tues 20/12/22	5.30am	Intentions of Maria Correia
	7am	
	9am	Souls of Joao & Antonio Jardin
Wed 21/12/22	5.30am	Intentions of Maria Jose Da Silva
	7am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos families
Thurs 22/12/22	5.30am	Intentions of Maria Cardoso
	7am	
	9am	
Fri 23/12/22	5.30am	Intentions of Angela Loreto
	7am	B'Day Intentions of Victoria Correia
	9am	
Sat 24/12/22	5.30am	Intentions of Paulo Fernandes & Family
	9am	Souls of Hilario & Jorge De Oliveira Soul of Giuseppe Dolsadelli

### 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 & Monica Mendes  
(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

### RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Jim McFadyen (died in Scotland)  
Manuel De Freitas

### Church Cleaners Roster:

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

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022- Group 3: M Palmer, L Odegaard, M De Gois & T Fasolo



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