

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"



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas Day) – 25th December 2022

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation and tells Zion, 'Your God is King!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together for they see the Lord face to face, as He returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling His people, redeeming Jerusalem;
The Lord bares His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97: 1-6

R: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God

Sing a new song to the Lord
for He has worked wonders.
His right hand and His holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known His salvation;
has shown His justice to the nations,
He has remembered His truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own times, the last days, He has spoken to us through His Son, the Son that He has appointed to inherit everything and through whom He made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of His nature, sustaining the universe by His powerful command; and now that He has destroyed the defilement of sin He has gone to take His place in Heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty.
So He is now as far above the angels as the title which He has inherited is higher than their own name.
God has never said to any angel: You are my son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, He says,

Let all the angels of God worship Him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through Him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through Him.
All that came to be had life in Him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.
A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.
The Word was the true light that enlightens all men;
and He was coming into the world.
He was in the world that had its being through Him,
and the world did not know Him.
He came to His own domain and His own people did not accept Him.
But to all who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the Name of Him who was born, not out of human stock, or urge of the flesh, or will of man but of God Himself.
The Word was made flesh he lived among us, and we saw His glory, the glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.
John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'
Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received
- yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God; It is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

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Father's Message

Tonight, the great prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: **"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given" (Is 9:6).**

Every new-born child is a wonder, a mystery, a gift of God. All who gather around the child are moved. We smile, cry, laugh, bring gifts, and wish cheerfulness and peace for the little ones. For us this Infant is a sign of hope, love peace and joy. People who walked in great darkness have seen a great light today. God has fulfilled his promise and has come to save you and me. God is inviting us to follow the star where it goes.

God has spoken various times in the past through different ways today: **"God has spoken through his Son" (Heb 1:2)**

In these days of family reunions and prayer, let us receive all that the God of love wishes to offer us: May Jesus be reborn in your heart and life during this Christmas 2022 and every day of the New Year 2023. May He radiate His Presence from within you as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart, and overflowing generosity.

At this Christmastime let us also pray for peace and harmony around the world and for all those who are battling poverty and hunger due to economic crisis.

May the New-born Jesus Bless you and your loved ones!

Christmas Wishes

We would like to wish all our dear parishioners a Holy and Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

We would like to thank all of our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our church and setting up for the different liturgies; this season and throughout the liturgical year. And a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish and especially to those few who work quietly, behind the scenes.

Merry Christmas and God bless you!

Fr Vijay D'Souza CRS and Fr Navis Benjamin CRS

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE- ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB, - ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH (2022)

Grace and peace to you from God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Phil 1:2).

As I do not know at what time of the day or night you might be hearing or reading this special Christmas message I cannot greet you with a "good morning" or a "good afternoon" or "good evening". Instead, I greet you with the words of Saint Paul from his Letter to the Philippians.

But whatever time of the day it is as you read, watch and listen to this message, I do want to say thank you for allowing me into your homes and into your lives for these few moments.

While this year of 2022 has been so very challenging; it is also a chance to see, particularly for us as Catholics, the miracle of life and grace which God gives us – and his great love for us which is revealed in this gift.

Christmas is a time when we remember that God has come so near to us in the person of Jesus, born not in luxury and splendour but in the most humble of circumstances. As we welcome him once again, at the end of a very challenging year for many, we know that he comes, as he always does, to heal our wounds and warm our hearts. As we contemplate him lying helplessly in the manger, we see what it means to say that God loves us. God's love for us is expressed in closeness - as love always is.

God wants to be so close to us, in fact, that he becomes one of us, sharing in everything that is ours as human beings, except sin of course. He in turn invites us to share in everything that is his. This is why, in Matthew's Gospel, the new-born child is given the name "*Emmanuel*", a name which means "*God is with us*" (Matthew 1:23)...

https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Latest_News-2022_Christmas_Message.htm

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON PROGRAMME -2022

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**

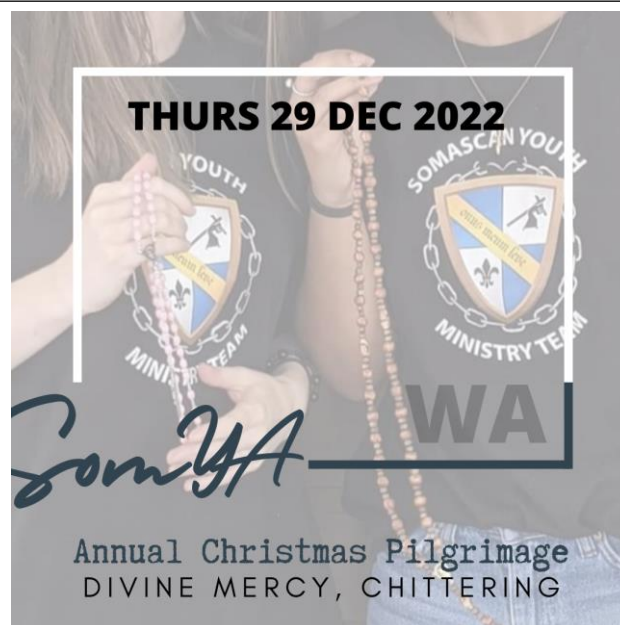
You are invited to the **Somascan Christmas Pilgrimage at Divine Mercy Chittering.**

(34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering WA)

The day will begin at **10.00am** with a **Holy hour** featuring the recitation of the Holy rosary and sung Divine Mercy chaplet, confession will be available by Somascan priest, **Holy Mass** will be celebrated at **11.00am.**

Please bring a plate for a shared picnic and fellowship to follow.

All are welcome!



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2nd Prize: Two-toned Rosary Necklace from Nader Jewellers

3rd Prize: KitchenAid Artisan Mixer

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

The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal will meet on Friday the 6th of January 2023 at 6.00pm to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and followed by Holy mass in honour of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Divine Mercy Devotions will be held on Sunday the 8th of January at 2.15pm.

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:

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

7th January 2023- Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado & M Monzon

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)

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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 24/12/22	6pm	Pro Populo Mass (Christmas Vigil)
Sun 25/12/22	8am	Pro Populo Mass (Christmas Day)
	10am	Pro Populo Mass (Christmas Day)
Mon 26/12/22	7am	B'Day Int. Christopher Correia
	9am	Soul of Giuseppe Mollica
		Soul of Jose Antonio Brito
		B'Day Intentions Stacey De Sousa
Tues 27/12/22	7am	
	9am	Soul of Aida Maciel
	6pm	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Devotion
Wed 28/12/22	7am	
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos families
		Soul of Angelo De Roberts (1 st anni)
		Souls of Lino G Seno JNR & Lino T Seno SNR
		Soul of Jacinta G Seno
		Soul of Daniel McCloskey
		B'Day Intentions Lolita S Quimada
Thurs 29/12/22	7am	
		No 9am Mass (Pilgrimage to Chittering)
Fri 30/12/22	7am	
	9am	
Sat 31/12/22	9am	Soul of Maria Cam

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.)



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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). ☺

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