

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"

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (YR A) – 1st January 2023

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FIRST READING: *Numbers 6:22-27*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you
and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 66:2-3.5.6.8*

R: May God bless us in his mercy.

God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

SECOND READING *Galatians 4:4-7*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you a son, then he has made you heir.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Hebrews 1:1-2*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Luke 2:16-21*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to you.

May we take the time to get to know you.

Help us to truly celebrate
the gifts you have graciously given us
and use them to serve you
and to spread your word,

May we also see and love you
in all the people we meet,
so that in turn, they can see you in us.
Amen.

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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THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

'I believe that the Virgin Mary must have asked herself this question several times: why did Jesus choose to be born of a simple, humble girl like me? And then, why did he want to come into the world in a stable and have his first visit from the shepherds of Bethlehem?

'Mary received her answer in full at the end, having laid in the tomb the Body of Jesus, dead and wrapped in a linen shroud. She must then have fully understood the mystery of the poverty of God. She understood that God made himself poor for our sake, to enrich us with his poverty full of love, to urge us to impede the insatiable greed that sparks conflicts and divisions, to invite us to moderate the mania to possess and thus to be open to reciprocal sharing and acceptance.

'Let us trustingly address to Mary, Mother of the Son of God who made himself our brother, our prayer that she will help us follow in his footsteps, to fight and overcome poverty, to build true peace. Let us say to Mary: accompany us, heavenly Mother of the Redeemer, throughout the year that begins today, and obtain from God the gift of peace for the Holy Land and for all humanity. Holy Mother of God, pray for us. Amen.'

- Excerpts from a homily by Pope Benedict XVI, *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 2009.*

Full text at:

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/homilies/2009/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20090101_world-day-peace_en.html



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

It is indeed a special blessing and privilege to be able to have Perpetual Eucharist Adoration in our parish. During the festive season many of our regular adorers will be away and we invite anyone who has a free moment to come along and spend some time in silent prayer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH

Would you like to do something tangible for your parish? Why not make up a group of family or friends and come along once every 5 weeks to clean the church. We all benefit from having a church that is neat and clean. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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.



SOMASCAN MISSIONS RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale after all the weekend Masses.

1st Prize: Maldives 5 nights/6 days package for two (Including return airfares) with Magi Holidays

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

SOM YOUNG ADULTS BAKE SALE



YOUTH MINISTRY

SOMteens (Grade 6-12)

Youth Night every Friday from 7pm - 9pm (during the school terms) in the St Jerome's Parish Hall. Come along for FUN, FOOD and FRIENDSHIP! Email:

somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com

Instagram: [somteens.stjeromes](https://www.instagram.com/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). ☺

**JAN 8TH & 22ND
AFTER 8AM MASS**

**JAN 15TH & 29TH
AFTER 10AM MASS**

We will be offering a plate of sweets for a donation of your choice.

Donations of baked goods are also welcome. Please contact Nicole on 0431416303.

All proceeds go towards funding our tickets to World Youth Day in Lisbon 2023.

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

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| Sat 31/12/22 | 6pm | In Thanksgiving for 2022 – Cerqueira family Intentions of Jap Yon Soul of Laurretta Yon Soul of Ken Orr |
| | 12am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 01/01/23 | 8am | Soul of Jim McFadyen Souls of Marijan & Winnie Fatovich |
| | 10am | Intentions of Jamie & Emma De Abreu & Family In honour of our Blessed Mother |
| | 6pm | Intentions of Rita & Anthony Benn |
| Mon 02/01/22 | 7am | Intentions of Theresa Silva Intentions of Clare Allen for good health Intentions of Correia & Gongalves |
| | 9am | Souls in Purgatory Birthday Intentions of Sebastian Catalano |
| Tues 03/01/23 | 7am | Intentions of José De Oliveira Soul of Raffaella D'Angelo |
| | 9am | Souls in Purgatory |
| Wed 04/01/23 | 7am | Intentions of José De Oliveira Intentions of Clare Allen for good health |
| | 9am | Intentions of Freitas & Yukos families Souls of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda & Deceased Family |
| Thurs 05/01/23 | 7am | Soul of John Cerqueira Intentions of José De Oliveira |
| | 9am | Souls in Purgatory Souls of Matilda Dos Santos Intentions of the Dos Santos & Grima Families |
| Fri 06/01/23 | 7am | Intentions of José De Oliveira |
| | 9am | Souls in Purgatory |
| | 6pm | Emiliani Intercessors |
| Sat 07/01/23 | 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 & Monica Mendes
(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Steven (Stipo) Blazeovich (son of Mirko & Ljuba)

Church Cleaners Roster:

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

14th January 2023 – 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- Egídio Abreu 0437 720 358



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