

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 LENT Yr A – 12th of March 2023

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FIRST READING: *Exodus 17:3-7*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that we should die of thirst, our children too and our cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand your staff with which you struck the river and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the people of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 94: R v.8*

R: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put Me to the test;
when they tried Me, though they saw My work.' **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory.

This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which has been given us. We were still helpless when at His appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die, even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Jn 4:42.15*

Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: *(Shorter form) John 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give Me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, 'What? You are a Jew, and You ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' — Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: "Give me a drink", you would have been the one to ask, and He would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir', said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.'

'I see you are a prophet, sir,' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe Me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come—in fact it is here already—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah—that is Christ—is coming; and when He comes, He will tell us everything.' 'I Who am speaking to you,' said Jesus. 'I am He.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in Him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to Him, they begged Him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when He spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard Him ourselves and we know that He really is the Saviour of the world.'

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: Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm

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

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

The second topic for the Liturgical Formation and Renewal Program for the Archdiocese of Perth:

WHAT IS LITURGY? SR KERRY WILLISON RSM, CENTRE FOR LITURGY DIRECTOR

In Pope Francis' recent document *Desiderio Desideravi*, which means 'I have earnestly desired', he shares his reflections on the central nature of the Liturgy in the life of the Church.

He goes on to say that he is simply offering prompts or cues for reflection that can aid in the contemplation of the beauty and truth of the Christian celebration.

The video 'What is Liturgy?' is offered in the spirit of *Desiderio Desideravi*, to be a prompt for further reflection on the essence of liturgical rituals with a focus on the Eucharist.

Each time we celebrate a liturgical ritual of the church, it is an opportunity for us to open ourselves to the words and actions of each part of the ritual and allow ourselves to be transformed by the presence of Jesus.

In Baptism our body is washed, and we are spiritually cleansed. In Confirmation, hands are laid on the head of a person and the Spirit comes alive in our hearts. In the Eucharist, we eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ and we are nourished with the spirit to live out our faith in our day to day lives.

Just as the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, when we receive the risen Jesus in the Eucharist, we are transformed and become the Body of Christ in the world.

Through our words, by sharing of our faith in the way we live, Jesus Christ is alive and present in the world.

By belonging to a community of worship and prayer, we can make a difference within the church community and be an example to the wider community in which we live.

In the spirit of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, promulgated by the Second Vatican Council, this video reflects the call for fully conscious, and active participation in the liturgy (SC 14). So that by listening to God's Word and receiving the Body and Blood of the risen Christ, we can live a Eucharistic life beyond the ritual.



**Third Sunday of Lent
11th & 12th of March**

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.



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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Stations of the Cross and Mass: Every Friday during Lent at 7pm

THE LEGION OF MARY meets every *Thursday* at 6.30pm in the Parish Resource Room. Contact: President- Egidio Abreu 0437 720 358

HOLY WEEK and EASTER PROGRAM 2023	
Sunday, 2nd April	Palm Sunday
Monday 3rd April 6pm - 8pm	St Jerome's Parish First Rite of Reconciliation
Tuesday, 4th April 7pm	Chrim Mass at the Cathedral
Wednesday, 5th April 6pm – 8pm	St Jerome's Parish First Rite of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday, 6th April 7pm <i>(No morning Mass)</i>	Celebration of the Lord's Supper and washing of the feet. Watching and Praying at the altar of repose until midnight – Fr Barry Whitely Parish Hall
Good Friday, 7th April <i>(A day of fasting & abstinence)</i>	6am Silent Adoration starts 10am Stations of the Cross (Outdoors) 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion Priests will be available for Confession will be available after each service
Holy Saturday, 8th April	Church opens at 6am for silent prayer 9am-12pm First Rite Reconciliation 7PM – SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL – Blessing of fire & water
Easter Sunday, 9th April	Usual Sunday Mass Times (8am, 10am & 6pm)
Easter Monday 10th April 8.30am	Somascan Young Adults Rosary walk at Coogee beach.
Sunday 16th April	Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at 2.15pm . Please bring a plate to share.

CENTRE FOR LITURGY – UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING - LEVEL 1

Safeguarding Induction Training Level 1, **Friday 17 March, Online, 10am to 11am**. To register

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>. *Further info;* safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9221 7762.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD - Wednesday 15 March 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Centre for Liturgy, Nollamara. Cost \$10.

Registration is essential for the workshop. Please note a minimum of four attendees are required for the workshop to proceed. To register please visit www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au. *Further info;* cfl@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9207 3350.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - Tuesday 14 March 7pm to 9pm, Centre for Liturgy,

Nollamara. Cost \$10. Registration is essential for the workshop. Please note a minimum of four attendees are required for the workshop to proceed. To register please visit www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au. *Further info:* cfl@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9207 3350.

ALPHA - A TOOL FOR SOCIAL CONNECTION AND EVANGELISATION

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore life faith and meaning.

Come and join us on Thursdays at 7pm, 2023 in the Fr Barry Whitely parish hall.

Contact Anna 0402 048 758 or Alicia 0401 383 471 Or Email alphastjeromesspearwood@gmail.com

Please let us know if you are coming, for catering purposes. Visit alpha.org for further information

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11/03/23	6pm	Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Ken Orr Souls of Sergio & Maria De Ceglie Souls of Ana Correia & Jose Luis Dias
Sun 12/03/23	8am	Soul of Sara Jardim Souls of Jorgina Taxeira & Agostinho Pereira Soul of Maria Marta Da Silva Soul of John Freitas Basilio Intentions of Sebastiano & Rosa Catalano
	10am	Soul of Chris Brown Soul of Salvadore Calderaro Soul of Ric San Agustin Souls in purgatory Soul of John Freitas Basilio Soul of Neda Szulej Intentions of N Merenda
	6pm	Souls of Keith Silberbauer & Neville Jacobs
Mon 13/03/22	7am 9am	Thanksgiving Intentions of Brian & Treasur Souls of Dias Family Int. of Zdenka Knezovic
Tues 14/03/23	7am 9am	Souls of Correia Family B'Day Int. of Eileen McCloskey Souls of Tony & Antonio Alvaro
Wed 15/03/23	7am 9am	Souls of Florencio Family Intentions of Freitas & Yukos families Int. of Merita & family Int. of Zdenka Knezovic
Thurs 16/03/23	7am 9am	Holy souls in purgatory Int. of Zdenka Knezovic
Fri 17/03/23	7am 9am	Soul of Jose Garces
Sat 18/03/23	9am	

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Fernando Basilio & Antonio Serafini

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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.)

Church Cleaners Roster:

18th March 2023 – Group 2: S Revillame, M Mercado, J Balmes, M Cristobal, L Otero,

A Magbuhat & J Clarete

25th March 2023 – Group 3: M Palmer, L Odegaard, M De Gois & T Fasolo



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