

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"

4th SUNDAY OF LENT Yr A – 19th of March 2023

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FIRST READING: *Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him', but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 22: R v.1*

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Jn 8:12*

Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the Light of the world, says the Lord;
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: (Shorter form) *John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

As Jesus went along, He saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: He does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that He has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe,' and worshipped him.

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 LITURGICAL FORMATION AND RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH.

In the third video, Catechist Formation Services Field Officer Mildred Rego talks about Signs and Symbols.

The celebration of the Mass is full of signs and symbols. These signs and symbols point beyond themselves to a spiritual reality which we can comprehend and perceive through the lens of faith. They are the visible or tangible signs which the sacred liturgy uses to signify the presence and action of God.

Sacred signs become a means of grace leading us to an experience of God. When the Church community prays or sings or acts, the faith of those taking part is nourished, and their minds are raised to God so that they may offer him their spiritual homage and receive his grace more abundantly. (SC:33).

Sacred symbols used in liturgy convey a meaning that help us to deepen our experience of liturgy and of our faith. Sacred signs and symbols used within the liturgy and the sacraments go beyond words and help to “materialise” the spiritual realities that we can experience.

These simple elements, originating from everyday life, are brought forward and made sacred, and invite us to reflect on the mystery of our faith. It is God acting in our lives. Light, water, oil, bread and wine are transformed from ordinary objects into the gift of God’s grace and presence with us, and we too are transformed into images of Christ.

The signs and symbols in our liturgies are intended to move us to a conversion of heart, thereby transforming us in the mission of the Church to be Christ in our world.



**4th Sunday of Lent
18th & 19th of March**



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

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.

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is **anyone** in the parish in **any role** – paid or voluntary.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish.

The upcoming session is as follow:

Date: Monday, 27 March 2023 Time: 6.45-7.45 pm

Venue: St Vincent's, 114 Parmelia Ave, Parmelia

Registration: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Or phone 9221 7762 to book in.



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, 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

CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE STAFF

We give thanks to Sandy Catanzaro for dedicating over 4 years to our Parish as the Parish Secretary and we wish her well on her new adventures.

Sandy's last day will be Wednesday 29th March 2023.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 18/03/23	6pm	Soul of Lauretta Yon Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Luciano Cicanese Soul of Carolina Scarvaci Souls of Carlo & Ada Monaco Souls of Maria & Jose Dias Int. of Kenny Winter (RSA) Intentions of Ilde Vener				
Sun 19/03/23	8am	Soul of Jorgina Taxeira Soul of Agostinho Pereira Soul of Maria Marta Da Silva Soul of Phillip Daly Soul of Vincenza Monastra Soul of Luciano Cicanese Soul of Fernando Basilio	10am	Soul of Celina Abreu Souls of Tony & Antonio Alvaro Souls of Giuseppe & Maria Romano Souls of Manuel Gouveia, Joao Canada, & Manuel Canada Soul of Maria Odete Canada Souls of Carlo & Ada Monaco Int. Jamie & Emma De Abreu and family	6pm	Int. of Ilde Vener
Mon 20/03/22	7am	Holy Souls in purgatory	9am	Souls of Carlo & Ada Monaco		
Tues 21/03/23	7am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu Soul of Jack Nicolson	9am	All Souls in Purgatory Birthday Intentions of Daniel Ilicic Intentions of Milija Bobanac		
Wed 22/03/23	7am	Soul of Deogracias Mapula	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos families Int. of Carmel & Rosa in hon of Our Lady of the Rosary		
Thurs 23/03/23	7am	Holy Souls in purgatory	9am	Soul of Helen Rocha Int. of Vince & Antonia Monastra (wed anniv.)		
Fri 24/03/23	7am	Souls of Jorge & Hilario De Oliveira Soul of Fr Patrick Littlewood	9am	Souls in purgatory		
Sat 25/03/23	9am	Souls in purgatory In thanksgiving i.h.o. the Infant Jesus of Prague				

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:

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

1st April 2023 – Group 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado & M Monzon



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