

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 EASTER Yr A – 30th April 2023

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FIRST READING: Acts 2:14.36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered, 'and every one of you must be baptised in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to Himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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: 1 Peter 21:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way He took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in His mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when He was tortured, He made no threats but He put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in His own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through His wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 10:14

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what He meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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 & Thursday 9am to 2.30pm

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Father's Reflection

In these weeks of Easter, we've been hearing the stories of Jesus' resurrection appearances: the empty tomb; Jesus appearing to the disciples in the Locked room; the road to Emmaus; and now Jesus gives us an image of the Shepherd and the sheep. The instructions for Christian life are quite simple. There is no need to go searching for advice: suffice it follow a voice, as sheep do with their shepherd.

Today the Gospel gives us a rare image, that of Jesus being a gate: "I am the gate of the sheepfold." There are three key words in today's gospel. First key word; Jesus is the **Gate**, the door through which the sheep have access to the shepherd. Thus, it is all very clear: One cannot enter into eternal life through another way that is not the door, that is, which is not Jesus. The Lord is the door of our life — and not only of eternal life but also of our daily life. One who does not use the proper door is a thief and bandit or in simple words 'smuggler' one can take it by "smuggling". But the Lord speaks clearly; the sheepfold is entered "only through the door, which is Jesus".

The second key word: "the **way**: following Jesus". The instruction of Jesus is clear: "Do not go astray!" It is Jesus "who is the door through which we enter and through which we exit with him to follow the way of life". It is Jesus who shows us the way. Thus, those who follow Jesus do not go astray. The direction is clear, but there are many occasions to go astray, due to the fact that we listen to the different voices that are spoken loudly in this world, to make us choose a different path. Only if we follow Jesus, can we be assured of not going astray.

Finally, the third key word: "**voice**". The sheep follow Jesus "because they know his voice". Someone might ask: "Father, how can I recognize Jesus' voice? And also protect myself from the voices of those who are not Jesus, who come in through the window, who are robbers, who destroy, who deceive?". First of all, tune my heart and mind to his voice- FAITH. Secondly the voice of Jesus is found in the Scriptures. I need to take the Scripture into my hands and read it. Thirdly, the relationship with Jesus has to grow stronger through my prayer and spiritual exercises. Finally seek the guidance of faith experience of people, e.g., parents, grandparents and spiritual mentors.

Jesus is obviously our Good Shepherd, there is no doubt about it, but there can be a lot of doubt about whether we are the kind of sheep that we ought to be. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray to the Lord that we may be his good sheep, listening attentively to his voice, and following his example of self-giving love.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL FOR DONATIONS!

Our parish's St Vincent de Paul conference would very much appreciate any donations of 1kg bags of Rice and also small packets of biscuits. This goes to help (in some small way) those families who are struggling.

(PLEASE PLACE DONATIONS IN THE BOX IN THE FOYER)

SOMASCAN MEN'S MINISTRY

The Somascan Men's Ministry is a movement of men from the ages of 30-45 (or older!) based on the spirituality of the Somascan Fathers. It allows for young men to gather together to grow in fraternity and faith – with the pillars of the movement being: Brotherhood, Formation, Dialogue/sharing & Prayer

We meet once a month, typically on the last Tuesday of each month. It has helped many of us in recent years grow stronger in our brotherhood, Catholic faith and love of Jesus. It is a gift to share this news and we are now pleased to extend the invite to men in our parish.

**For more information contact
Brett Cullen 0429 588 998**

Adult Faith Formation Seminars

Scripture and Morality: Living Life to the Full According to God's Word

ON: Wednesdays, 7 - 28 June

FROM: 7:30pm – 8:30pm (4 wks)

WITH: Mr Joe Tedesco

AT: Kwinana Parish - 114 Parmelia Avenue, Parmelia

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20

The Catholic Church's teachings on morality suggest that God wants us to lead a life that is good. But what does a 'good life' look like and what role has Scripture played in the development of this teaching? This course focuses on the changing role of Scripture in the moral teaching of the Church and explores how moral thinking developed in the early Church.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 29/04/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Gloria Gabin nee Callaghan (SA)
Sun 30/04/23	8am	Soul of José Correia Soul of Elio Boni Special Intentions of the Bishop Family
	10am	Soul of Tindara Merenda Soul of Giovanni D'Antuono Birthday Intentions of Arlene Crane
	6pm	
Mon 01/05/22	7am	Soul of José Correia
	9am	All Souls in Purgatory For the Intercession of St Anthony In Thanksgiving in honour of St Joseph
Tues 02/05/23	7am	Soul of José Correia
	9am	In Thanksgiving in honour of St Anthony In honour of Our Lady of Victories
Wed 03/05/23	7am	Soul of José Correia
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos families In Thanksgiving for graces received – Joao & Lidia Souls of deceased members of the De Sousa Family
Thurs 04/05/23	7am	Soul of José Correia Soul of Dominico Spina Birthday Intentions of Abel
	9am	Souls of Guiseppe Antonio Merenda & all deceased family Soul of Henry Phillips Intentions of Sebastiano Catalano
Fri 05/05/23	7am	Soul of José Correia
	9am	Birthday Intentions of Callum Ellis Birthday Intentions of Ailyn (1 st) Soul of Matilda Dos Santos & deceased members of Dos Santos & Grima families Soul of Melissa Carosella
Sat 06/05/23	9am	Soul of José Correia Birthday Intentions of Tina Biasucci

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.)

ROSTERS – 6 & 7 MAY 2023

COUNTING: GROUP 2: T Mollica & P Rotondella

CLEANING: GROUP 1: M Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin & L Gligor

Upcoming Events

MONTH OF MAY DEVOTIONS - The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and therefore every evening during this month the **Rosary will be recited at 7pm, followed by Mass**. On Weekends, the Rosary will follow the 6pm Mass.

Next Sunday during the **10am Mass**, the Children's Liturgy will be continuing the tradition of honouring Mary as Queen of the May.

During the Offertory Procession two children will place a crown on the statue of Mary.

This symbolic gesture is to remind us all that May is Mary's month and that she is Queen of us all.

The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal will meet on **Friday the 5th of May 2023 at 6pm** to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Divine Mercy Devotions will be held on **Sunday the 7th of May at 2.15pm**.

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



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Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. **ALL church workers** 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.

Please check the website for upcoming sessions:

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

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

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