

# 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"



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER Yr A – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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### **FIRST READING:** Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps. 32:1-2.4-5.18-19

**R: Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in You.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all His works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with His love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere Him,  
on those who hope in His love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

### **SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him; set yourselves close to Him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down.

They stumble over it because they do not believe in the Word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Jn 14:6

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** John 14:1-12

Jesus said to His disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am, you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know My Father too.

From this moment you know Him and have seen Him.'

Philip said, "Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him, 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in Me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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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**CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES**

Congratulations to all the candidates who were conferred with the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the first term.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON SHELDON BURKE**

Deacon Sheldon Burke will be ordained as a priest on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June Saturday at 11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth, by The Most Rev. Timothy Costelloe, SDB, Archbishop of Perth. Please remember him in your prayers.

His First Holy Mass: 18<sup>th</sup> June, at 11.00am Place: Holy Family Catholic Church, Maddington

St Jerome's Parish is prepared to organise a bus to the ordination, if there are sufficient numbers. A clipboard has been placed in the foyer for anyone wishing to go with a bus, so that we can determine the need.

**LAUNCH OF SOM-WOMEN'S GROUP ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023 at 7pm**  
**IN THE BARRY WHITELEY PARISH HALL**

SOM-Women's group is an opportunity for Catholic women to gather together to grow in friendship through fellowship and faith through Christian Discipleship. It's an occasion to discuss the joys and challenges of being a woman, to exchange parenting insights and most importantly to infuse the charism first given by the Holy Spirit to founder of the Somascan Fathers, St Jerome Emiliani - the paternal Love of God.

**MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA**

A Mother's Day morning tea will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 after the 10.00am Holy Mass, to honour and celebrate the amazing role mothers play in an individual's life. I invite all those who play a motherly role in our lives. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

**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)**

**PLEASE DO NOT PLACE FOREIGN COINS IN THE COLLECTION BAGS.  
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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 Barry Whitely Parish Hall.

Come along for FUN, FOOD and FRIENDSHIP! Email:

[somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com](mailto: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**

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 06/05/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Souls of Manuel & Lucilia Pereira Soul of Merlin LaFrenais Souls in Purgatory Intentions of Ljuba Blazeovich
Sun 07/05/23	8am	Soul of José Correia Soul of Alvaro De Freitas Soul of Kevin Correia Soul of Aubrey Benn Special Intentions of the Bishop Family
	10am	Soul of Giuseppe Sticca Soul of Paul Manyila Birthday Intentions of Georgina Duarte
	6pm	Soul of K M Varghese Soul of Henry Regan
Mon 08/05/22	7am	Soul of José Correia
	9am	Souls in Purgatory Intentions of Jose Marciel Special Intentions of Mirjana Fistonich
Tues 09/05/23	7am	Soul of José Correia
	9am	Intentions of Claudine Little Special Intentions of Mirjana Fistonich
Wed 10/05/23	7am	
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos families Special Intentions of Mirjana Fistonich Soul of Domingo De Jesus Junior Souls in Purgatory
Thurs 11/05/23	7am	
	9am	Intentions of Fr Chris De Sousa (Anniv. of Ordination)
Fri 12/05/23	7am	Soul of Sara Jardim
	9am	Soul of Domingo De Jesus Senior
Sat 13/05/23	9am	Intentions of Jamie, Emma, Jack & Max De Abreu I.H.O. Our Lady of Fatima for the Int. of Joao, Lidia & Family Soul of Cecilia Bato

### 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 – 13 & 14 MAY 2023

COUNTING: GROUP 3: P Pereira & L Nella

CLEANING: GROUP 2: S Revillame, M Mercado, J Balmes, M Cristobal, L Otero, A Magbuhat & J Clarete

**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.

This 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.

**Divine Mercy Devotions** will be held this **Sunday 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

**SOMASCAN MEN'S MINISTRY** meets once a month, on the last Tuesday. **For more information contact Brett Cullen 0429 588 998**



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**Prayer Dedication Plaques**

The Saint Jeromes Young Adults are facilitating a new set of prayer dedication plaques for our parish pews.

Pray for us  
The Raymond Family  
2023

*Sample Plaque*

Application Period: 18th March - 27th August

Cost per Plaque: \$500

Apply Via Google Form, send us an email or catch one of the young adults after mass

The plaque can have a family name, a person's name, or a short intention  
*(maximum four words)*

If you have any questions, please get in touch  
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