

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"

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A – 25th June 2023

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FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,

"Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,

"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

Everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts you who probe with justice, who

scrutinise the loins and hearts,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have

committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy

from the hands of evil men.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 68:8-1,14,17, 33-35. R. v. 14*

R: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,

that shame covers my face,

that I have become a stranger to my brothers,

an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house

and taunts against you fall on me. **R**

This is my prayer to you,

my prayer for your favour.

In your great love answer me, O God,

With your help that never fails;

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;

In your compassion, turn towards me. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad

and God-seeking hearts will revive;

For the Lord listens to the needy;

And does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,

the sea and all its living creatures. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given.

There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking',

Yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Jn 15:26-27*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 10:26-33*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing.

Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

PARISH SECRETARY: Alicia Benn
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ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH - STRATEGIC PLAN - 2023

St Jerome's Catholic Community has grown and evolved over the years. St Jerome's has become truly a 'HOME' for many. We are grateful to the founding fathers, especially Fr Barry Whitley, the past clergy and the Somascan fathers for their solid foundation and hard work. Many who enter this church express that "it's a warm and welcoming community". Fr. Navis and I have the immense joy and privilege to serve this faith-centred community.

Last year we proposed to the community to have a mission statement in order to encounter the person of Christ in a concrete way. Thanks to many who offered their suggestions. The Parish Pastoral Council has gathered all the suggestions, discussed, prayed, discerned and debated the Mission Statement for our Parish. Later in the year the Mission statement was presented and accepted by the community.

Now, we would like to actualize this Vision statement and Mission statement of our parish by drawing up a strategic plan.

The Vision statement:

"To be an active faith community centred on Jesus Christ, which unites everyone to build a better world"

Mission Statement:

St Jerome's Parish is a welcoming Parish, which fosters a living relationship with Jesus, nurtured through the celebration of the sacraments, prayer and fellowship. St Jeromes strives to enable parishioners to witness the Gospel's call to evangelize.

I would like to share with you the purpose and need of the strategic plan.

What is a Parish?

The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory; an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration." (Pope Francis- *Evangelii Gaudium*, 26)

What is a church vision?

Vision is future-oriented and focuses on where we are going. A vision statement conveys what God desires to see in the future for the church and what the faith community should aim for in a specific time frame.

Why is a vision statement important?

Every baptised Catholic longs to fulfill God's mission and build up the church, bringing help, hope, and healing to the congregation. A vision statement points to:

- 1.) Where the community believes God is calling them to be in the future (e.g. in 5 years' time) and
- 2.) The transformation they desire to see in their community and the world as a result of people coming to know Jesus and seeing God's kingdom come.

Why is a mission statement important?

The mission of the church is very broad. Drawing up a mission statement helps us to focus on specific pastoral needs of the faithful. The mission statement explains why we exist. What we do. Who we serve. How we serve. In other words, a mission statement describes the purpose the church serves and the benefits it brings to its members and the community.

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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 (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. **If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.**

Upcoming session of Safeguarding Level 1 Induction for church workers (paid/unpaid) for the month of June:

Thursday, 29 June 2023 at 7 pm @ Sacred Heart, Thornlie to register online please visit:

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction> or to book in call 92217762

CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL (CFR) PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING

Catholic Faith Renewal (CFR) invites you and your family to a Praise & Worship evening **Friday 7 July 7.30pm, Sts John & Paul Church, Willetton.** Features Songs of Praise, Mass and a talk by the Rev Fr Vincent Glynn, Episcopal Vicar for Education & Faith Formation, on "*Experiencing the presence of God in our lives: The Lens of Sacramentality.*"

Admission is free. **Further info;** phone Charles 0413 755 799 or Ivan 0428 898 833.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 24/06/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Giovanna Spina Soul of Rosalie Cowley
Sun 25/06/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Elio Boni Intentions of Francisco & Andrew Camacho
	10am	Soul of Tindara Merenda Soul of Isaias De Jesus In Thanksgiving i.h.o. the Infant Jesus of Prague
	6pm	Intentions of Antonio da Silva Abreu
Mon 26/06/22	7am	
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Rita Aguiar Soul of Doreen Merenda Birthday Intentions of Soly Fernandez
Tues 27/06/23	7am	In Thanksgiving & for the Intentions of Gavin Fernandes For a Successful Surgery
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria
Wed 28/06/23	7am	
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria
Thurs 29/06/23	7am	
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria
Fri 30/06/23	7am	
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Cecilia Loureto Coelho
Sat 01/07/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Marcelina Ascenso Birthday Intentions of Bernadette Catalano

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
& Peter Scanlan

(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Alvaro Dos Santos Osorio

ROSTERS – 1 & 2 JULY 2023

COUNTING: GROUP 4: A Perna

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

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At present, we have highlighted six areas of our parish community life for which to prepare a strategic plan. We would like to share it with the parish community. If you think there are other areas that need to be considered, please write to us.

Here are the priority areas

1. Evangelisation
2. Faith Formation
3. Liturgy and Worship
4. Fellowship
5. Communication
6. Stewardship

In the coming weeks we will take one area each to plan out. If any parishioner would like to be a part of this process please contact us.

Fr Navis and Fr Vijay

PARISH LIFE

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2023 - This weekend children of our parish and school will receive their First Holy Communion. Let us pray for our new communicants as they deepen their relationship with our Lord Jesus through the reception of His Body.

CELEBRATION OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF FR SHELDON BURKE CRS - A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on the 25th of June at 6pm at St Jerome's Church. Please bring a plate to share after the Mass.

HELP WANTED - If there is anyone who can assist us to repair the parquet floor in the hall, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mass, Novena & Benediction – Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at 6pm. Celebrant Fr Ted Miller.

Divine Mercy Devotions will be held on Sunday, 2nd of July 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

YOUTH MINISTRY: SOMteens (Grade 6-12) - Youth Night every Friday from 7pm - 9pm in the Fr Barry Whitely 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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