

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"

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A – 16th July 2023

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 64:10-14*

**R: The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth,
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Romans 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.

From the beginning till now, the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia!
**The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
all who come to Him will live for ever.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *(short version) Matthew 13:1-9*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that He got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and He told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Long version Matthew 13:1-23)

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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PLANNED GIVING

Electronic Payments for Planned Giving

If any of our parishioners would like to change from envelope donations to electronic payments (managed by you via a banking App or Internet banking), or any new planned giving members would like to regularly donate please call the Parish office on 9418 1229 and we would happily make the necessary arrangements to facilitate this process.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY EFT OR DIRECTLY DEPOSITED INTO:

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

BSB – 086 006 **Account No-** 237719937

Account Name: R.C.A of Perth St Jeromes Parish Spearwood Presbytery

The 2nd collection (for the running of our Parish)

BSB – 086 006 **Account No-** 485592103 **Account Name:** R.C.A of Perth St Jeromes Parish Spearwood

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

PARISH LIFE

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

SOM-WOMEN'S MINISTRY meets once a month on the second Wednesday. This is an opportunity for Catholic women to gather to grow in friendship through fellowship and faith through Christian Discipleship.

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 on Fridays 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)

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOMteens will not be gathering during the school holidays.

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**

World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon

Kindly remember our 11 WORLD YOUTH DAY pilgrims, including Father Navis who will be travelling to participate in the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal on the 22nd of July. May they have a wonderful experience and return with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Pilgrimages are always a time of grace and praying for special intentions. As these young adults go on pilgrimage, they will carry your intentions with them. **Please write your intentions in the book placed on the offertory table.**



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

To register online please visit:
<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Or phone 9221 7762 to book in.

We will be offering two zoom sessions in the Parish Hall:

21 July (10-11am) & 25 July (7-8pm)

When renewing your WWCC online please use the following email address:

spearwood@perthcatholic.org.au

We won't be able to approve your request for renewal if using any other email.

VINNIES APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

Our parish's St Vincent de Paul conference would very much appreciate any donations of tins of fish or meat (tuna, corned beef, spam or ham) for our pantry, to enable us to include them in the food parcels we are delivering to those poor families doing it tough.

Each time our parish responds, the recipient is touched by our generosity and on occasion moved to tears.

(PLEASE PLACE DONATIONS IN THE BOX IN THE FOYER)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sat 15/07/23 | 6pm | Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Souls of Antonio & Carmelo Acquardo Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Soul of Leslie LaFrenais Int. of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Leslie LaFrenais |
| Sun 16/07/23 | 8am | Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Souls of Jere, Lukrecaja & Gurgca Bogdan Soul of Nazare Camacho Souls of Camacho family |
| | 10am | Soul of Armando Correia For the conversion of the world Int. of James, Maria & Nuno Paiva Soul of Josip Radic |
| | 6pm | Int. of Dana Soul of Michael Boyd |
| Mon 17/07/23 | 7am | Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Soul of Jose Francisco Garces |
| | 9am | Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Jose Francisco Garces Soul of Boris Szulej |
| Tues 18/07/23 | 7am | Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia |
| | 9am | Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of George Correia Soul of Bradley Alweyn |
| Wed 19/07/23 | 7am | Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia |
| | 9am | Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls of Luka & Ante Fiamengo |
| Thurs 20/07/23 | 7am | Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Soul of Cecilia Loureto Coelho |
| | 9am | Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Cecilia Loureto Coelho |
| Fri 21/07/23 | 7am | Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia |
| | 9am | Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Birthday Int. of Angelyn Int. of Frank Scilio |
| Sat 22/07/23 | 9am | Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Michael Nam Int. of Maria Ligia de Sousa i.h.o St Mary Magdalene |

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.)

ROSTERS – 22 & 23 JULY 2023

COUNTING: GROUP 1: Benn Family

CLEANING: GROUP 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado, M Monzon

ST JEROME'S PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN 2023

FAQ

1. What is a Strategic Plan?

In general, a strategic plan is a tool to help our parish understand and determine where we are now, where we want to be, how we will get there and in what time period. It is a means for us, as a parish community, to create a shared vision for our future.

2. Why does our parish need a strategic plan now?

As you all know, our parish has grown significantly. While we each may have an idea of where we are as a parish, and as individuals in our parish. The parish council however does not feel that we, as a parish-wide community, have a good, overall understanding of where we are or where we want to go.

3. What are some examples of what is included in a strategic plan?

Examples include re-setting priorities for parish ministries; and identifying emerging needs and opportunities for new programs/ministries, facilities, and funding.

4. What is the timeline for completing the Strategic Plan?

While we don't yet have an overall schedule, we can say that we are in the "assessment phase" and expect to be here well into 2024. The assessment phase is where we figure out "where we [the parish] are today." As we noted, we expect the Strategic Planning effort will take many months to complete. We will build the schedule for each phase as we proceed with each step

5. What is decision making by consensus?

Decision-making by consensus means that we will work to develop, and agree to support, a decision in the best interest of the whole. The goal is "unity, not unanimity." By articulating the emerging consensus, members and parishioners can be clear on the decision; and, as their views have been considered, are likely to support it.

6. Has the Leadership Team established any subcommittees to help with the Strategic Plan?

Not yet. We are in the process of forming the subcommittees. Six areas of our parish life have been identified and their goals and purposes have been explained. **PLEASE SEE THE SHEET IN THE FOYER AND PLACE YOUR NAME IN THE FIELD THAT INTERESTS YOU.**

7. Where can I find more information about the Strategic Planning effort and what are the opportunities for involvement and input?

Please review the St. Jerome's Parish website postings also, watch for updates in the weekly parish newsletter, Parish Council updates, and general meetings. The bulletin board in the entrance foyer may also contain information. Finally, please talk to PPC members if you have questions or concerns.

8. Why should I get involved in the Strategic Planning process?

We value your input because it will significantly increase the likelihood of developing a better and more successful parish strategic plan that reflects our shared vision. **We want your input!**



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