

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"



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FIRST READING: *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people, how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 85:5-6.9-10.15-16*

R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit Himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what He means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn." '

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, He would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, He went to the house; and His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.'

He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!

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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PLANNED GIVING

2023 Planned Giving statements and the new sets of envelopes are now available in the church foyer.

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 parishioners would like to join the Planned Giving programme 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

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

The Legion of Mary meets every **Thursday at 6.30pm** in the Parish Resource Room. Contact: President- Egidio Abreu
0437 720 358.

St Vincent De Paul Society meets fortnightly on Wednesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Magellan Meeting Room.
New members are always welcome. Contact: President – Steve 0488 611190.

Som-Women's Ministry meets once a month on the second Wednesday at 7pm.

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 the SOMteens gatherings will only commence on the 18th of August 2023 as our Youth Ministry team will be at the World Youth Day gathering in Lisbon.

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 WORLD YOUTH DAY pilgrims, including Father Navis who is currently/will be travelling to participate in the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. 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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS,
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 @ 10AM,
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couples who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating a milestone anniversary 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The Bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at

<https://bit.ly/marriagemass2023>

**VOICE TO PARLIAMENT:
ARE YOU WONDERING?**

Perhaps the upcoming referendum and all the opinions surrounding it has got us all a little confused as we want to us our own voice to vote according to God's plan.

Here is something NATSICC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Catholic Council, has to contribute to our discernment:

<https://indigenousvoice.church>

**"A FILIPINO MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED ON JULY 30,2023 AT
4PM AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH,
KWINANA, all are invited"**

For Mass intentions: please contact

Aileen- 0423578059

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**VINNIES APPEAL FOR
DONATIONS**

Thank you to everyone who responded so generously to our appeal for donations, it is greatly appreciated.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 22/07/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Manuel Francisco Mateus Souls of Charles & Teresa Sweeney Souls of Robert & Irene Pereira Soul of Filomena Aguiar Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Souls of Anna Fico, Maria C Filosa & Leberina Spinosa Soul of Alcino Andrade (Recently deceased)
Sun 23/07/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Soul of Nazare Garces (26 th year death anniv.) Souls in Purgatory Soul of Jese Antonio Brite Souls of Aires Tiodomica Malho & Malho Family Souls of Amadeu & Fernanda Coelho Souls of Gabriela & Angela De Oliveira & Family Soul of Alvaro De Freitas
	10am	Soul of Nazare Garces Soul of Manuel Freitas Souls of Michele Jacusso (Recently deceased in Italy) Int. of Maria, Nuno & James praising Jesus Christ Saviour of the world Birthday Intentions of Max De Abreu
	6pm	Soul of Nazare Garces (26 th death anniv.) Soul of Alcino Andrade (Recently deceased)
Mon 24/07/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Souls of Jorge & Hilario De Oliveira
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Birthday Int. of Alessio de Souza Intentions of Mirjana Fistonich
Tues 25/07/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Birthday Int. of Irene De Abreu Intentions of Goranka Markotich
Wed 26/07/23	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 Maddelene Uyen & Father Phanico Savie Ly Souls of Giulia Giovanni & Giuseppe Ferrante
Thurs 27/07/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria All Souls in Purgatory Intentions of Mirjana Fistonich
Fri 28/07/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Birthday Int. of Odette Luz
Sat 29/07/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Int. of Alana & Nathan Davis (wedding anniv.) Souls of grandmothers: Cecilia Coelho, Nazare Garces, Lelia De Barros, Angelina de Jesus, Ilda da Silva Ferreira

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Antonio Da Silva Abreu & Alcino Andrade

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 – 29 & 30 JULY 2023

COUNTING: **GROUP 2:** T Mollica, P Rotondella
CLEANING: **GROUP 1:** M Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin & L Gligor

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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