

# 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"

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A – 30 July 2023

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### FIRST READING:

*Kings 3:5. 7-12*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this,' the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*Ps 118 R. v.97*

**R: Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey Your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by Your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **R.**

### SECOND READING:

*Romans 8:28-30*

We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love Him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose.

They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers.

He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**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 13:44-52*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are of no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And He said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY IS ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST, WE COMMEMORATE MARY'S ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN BODY AND SOUL. THERE WILL BE MASS AT 7AM, A SCHOOL MASS AT 9AM AND AN EVENING MASS AT 7PM.**

**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

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**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 will happily make the necessary arrangements to facilitate this process.

**DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY EFT OR DIRECTLY DEPOSITED INTO:**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> collection (for the support of priest in our Parish & in the Archdiocese)**

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

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal** will meet on *Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of August at 6pm* to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Divine Mercy Devotions** will be held on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> of August 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.

**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](mailto:somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com) Instagram: [somteens.stjeromes](https://www.instagram.com/somteens.stjeromes)  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT the SOMteens gatherings will only commence on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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>

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN  
CARDHOLDERS**

A recent change in legislation and policy requires the following: Working with Children cardholders and applicants are to notify the Working with Children Screening Unit of a change in name, residential address, contact details and child-related work status (starting or ceasing). **The onus is on the cardholder to provide this information.**

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING  
CALENDAR 2023**

Available dates have been published for July to December 2023. Most sessions are online, and they last 1 hour. Check this link for dates:

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

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 29/07/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Souls of Giuseppe & Franco Dolsadelli Souls of Henrico & Luc Antoine Louis Souls of Xavier Alexandre, Andre Figaro & Robert Hurrunghee Souls of Angela Pereira & Barbara Illingsworth Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory
Sun 30/07/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Souls of Cesar Ralar & Lee Banfield Soul of Elio Boni Soul of Lues Coelho Int. of Mario & Irene Abreu In Thanksgiving for graces & blessings received
	10am	Soul of Tindara Merenda Soul of Manuel Freitas Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Int. of Maria, Nuno & James praising Jesus Christ Saviour of the world In thanksgiving to The Sacred Heart of Jesus & St Anthony Soul of Albino Pana (1 <sup>st</sup> year death anni.)
	6pm	Soul of Felix Clementino Maya Rebelo Soares Soul of Joana Henrique da Silva Soares Soul of Tomasia Maria de Fatima Soares (Recently deceased) Soul of Maria Rita Britos Ximeneg
Mon 31/07/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgator
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Soul of Aurelio Sellaro Soul of Katia Bobanac & Intentions of Milija Bobanac Soul of Damian
Tues 01/08/23	7am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Peter Bay Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Birthday Intentions of Daniel Benn
Wed 02/08/23	7am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Int. of Fatima & family Soul of Conceicao Nascimento
Thurs 03/08/23	7am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio ds Silva Abreu Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory
Fri 04/08/23	7am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda & deceased family Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory
Sat 05/08/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Melissa Carosella Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Birthday Int. of Frank Biasucci Birthday Int. of Katrina Abreu

## 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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#### ROSTERS – 5 & 6 AUGUST 2023

**COUNTING- GROUP 3:** P Pereira, L Nella

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