

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"



19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) – 13 August 2023

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FIRST READING: *1 Kings 19:9.11-13*
When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord Himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 84:9-14*

R: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear Him
and His glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before Him
and peace shall follow His steps. **R.**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5*
What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them.

They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Psalm 129:5*
Alleluia, Alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in His word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 14: 22-33*
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night, he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said. 'Why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

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

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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 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY IS ON THE 15TH OF AUGUST. We commemorate Our Lady's assumption into heaven body and soul. **There will be Mass at 7am, a whole school Mass at 9am and an evening mass at 7pm.**

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** of the month at 7pm. **For more information contact Joyce Figaro on 0404 086 271**

Somascan Men's Ministry meets once a month, **on the last Tuesday.** **For more information contact Brett Cullen on 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)

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**

MODERN SLAVERY & THE CATHOLIC RESPONSE: WHAT CAN THE PARISH DO?

ON: Friday, 18 August

FROM: 10:30am – 12:30pm (morning tea included)

WITH: Deacon Greg Lowe – Director of Western Australian Catholic and Migrant Office

AT: Newman Siena Centre (Clune LT)

COST: \$10



21 Aug - 27 Aug NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK 2023 - This year marks the 70th Anniversary of the research begun by Dr John Billings in finding a natural, reliable method of fertility awareness for couples. A special free webinar entitled

"Understanding Couple Fertility: The Male Perspective will be held on **Monday 21 August 7.30pm AEST (5:30pm WST)**. As part of the webinar, a number of couples will reflect on how the Billings Ovulation Method has helped them in understanding couple fertility, as well as how it has benefited their relationships and family life. Please follow the Eventbrite link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>



OUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION

APPEAL WILL BE HELD IN OUR PARISH ON THE WEEKEND OF THE

2ND & 3RD OF SEPTEMBER

CATHOLIC YOUTH UNITE - RISE UP AND FOLLOW MARY'S EXAMPLE!

We are thrilled to continue the spirit and theme of World Youth Day by coming together on the 25th of August 2023 for UNITE. This event will be a beacon of unity, where young hearts can connect, share their faith, and grow stronger together.

Date: Friday, 25th August 2023

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Tickets: \$12

Venue: University of Notre Dame Australia - Drill Hall [32 Mouat St, Fremantle WA 6160]

For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit unite.cym.com.au

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 12/08/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Ulahannan Joseph
Sun 13/08/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Lachlan David Di Tullio Soul of Luciano Cicanese Soul of Damien Alafacis Soul of Robert Little
	10am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Soul of Virginia Piscopo Soul of Joseph Piscopo Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Gloria Ponce Soul of Anton & Maria Zuvela Soul of Giuseppe Gliosca
	6pm	
Mon 14/08/23	7am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Souls of Antonio & Cecilia Coelho Soul of Rita Aguiar
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Int. of Jamie, Emma, Jack & Max de Abreu Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Int. of Mark & Mary Ellen Thorton
Tues 15/08/23	7am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory I.H.O Our Lady of The Assumption for the living & deceased members of The Legion of Mary
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Soul of Rio San Agustin Soul of John Fiamengo
Wed 16/08/23	7am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Souls of Neal, Luke & Alberto Marciel Int. of Jose Manuel Marciel
	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
Thurs 17/08/23	7am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio da Sila Abreu Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Birthday Intentions of Amilyn
Fri 18/08/23	7am	Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Soul of Bradley Alweyn Soul of George Correia Souls of Carmelo & Antonio Acquardo
Sat 19/08/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio da Silva Abreu Soul of Adam Faria & Souls in Purgatory Soul of Rosario Galati

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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