

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"



21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) – 27 August 2023

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 22:19-23*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 137:1-3.6.8*

**R: Lord, Your love is eternal:
do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R**
I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet He looks on the lowly
and the haughty He knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of Your hands. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Romans 11:33-36*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep His wisdom
and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate His
motives or understand His methods! Who could ever
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be His
counsellor? Who could ever give Him anything or lend
Him anything? All that exists comes from Him; all is by
Him and for Him. To Him be glory for ever! Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew: 16:18*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
**You are Peter, the rock on which I will build My
Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:13-20*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi He
put this question to His disciples, 'Who do people say
the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John
the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets.' 'But you,' He said, 'Who do you say I am?'
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said,
'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of
Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh
and blood that revealed this to you but My Father in
heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this
rock I will build My Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you
the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind
on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever
you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to
tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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 PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN 2023

Our Mission Statement: "We are a welcoming Parish, which fosters a living relationship with Jesus, nurtured through the celebration of the sacraments, prayer and fellowship. St. Jerome's strives to enable parishioners to witness the Gospel's call to evangelise."

The next two weekends will be your final opportunity to place your name down for the Strategic Plan.

Please see the sheet in the foyer and place your name in the field that interests you

NO LONGER CARRYING CASH? 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 Novena & Benediction – after the Sunday evening Mass, 27th August 2023. Celebrant Fr Ted Miller.

The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal will meet on *Friday the 1st of September at 6pm* to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Divine Mercy Devotions will be held on Sunday the 3rd of September at 2.15pm.

FEAST OF THE BIRTHDAY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - will be celebrated on **Friday, 8th September at 6pm** with Holy Mass and the Holy Rosary prayed at the grotto of 'Mary Mother of Orphans.' Parishioners are encouraged to bring flowers to place at the grotto on this day.

The novena and Holy Rosary start on Wednesday, 30th August at 7.00pm. The Rosary will be offered for the Parish Strategic Plan and private intentions.

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 on 0429 588 998**

St Vincent De Paul Society meets on the first and third **Wednesday of the month - 6.30pm to 7.30pm** in the Parish Resource 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**

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)

ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD

Brother Deacon John-Joseph Martin Leb
 Conferred by his grace the most Rev. Julian Porteous DD, during the Holy Mass at The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 6pm on Thursday, 14th September 2023
 St. Mary's Cathedral, 180 Harrington Street, Hobart

Live stream available at
youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofHobart
Thanksgiving Mass - 6pm on Saturday 16th September St. James Catholic Church, 25 Mary Street, Cygnet

RSVP to the Ordination & Thanksgiving Mass by 10th September:
leb@littleeucharisticbrothers.org

WHY BE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

After a 3 year hiatus, the WBC Annual Conference is returning to Perth.

This year's **BEHOLD** Conference will centre on the Eucharist and will take place on 12-14 October. For the first time, there will also be mini-retreats leading up to the main conference. Join Tim Staples, Dr Stacy Trasancos and Cy Kellett from Catholic Answers for this very special event at the parishes of Sacred Heart Highgate and Our Lady of the Mission, Whitford, as we spend a few days of prayer and discovery that will renew and deepen our love for our Eucharistic Lord.

For more information and registration, visit www.eventbrite.com.au/e/why-be-catholic-conference-2023-tickets688317876297?aff=oddtcreator



NEXT WEEKEND we will be asking for your prayers & generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. You will be helping our medical missionaries provide life-saving healthcare to vulnerable communities in East Timor & throughout the world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided or going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor . Email Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au , if you'd like to know about what's involved in volunteering through Catholic Mission.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 26/08/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lauretta Yon Souls in Purgatory Soul of Julian Kingsley Soul of Salome de Sousa Frade
Sun 27/08/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Elio Boni Soul of Adam Faria
	10am	Soul of Tindara Merenda Soul of Antonio Paul de Silva Abreu Soul of George Correia Int. of Connie Ascenso Souls of Dario, Amelia, Pia, Albert, Rita & Domenic Crudeli Soul of Brian Gallagher For the good health of Herman & Beatriz Soul of Pulqueria Da Silva
Mon 28/08/23	6pm	Miraculous Medal devotion soul of Pulqueria Da Silva
	7am	Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Maria Tuyet Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Father Vincent Abrose Soul of Brother John Abrose In Thanksgiving
Tues 29/08/23	7am	Int. of Jose & Marciel Int. of Angelique, Elijah & Jacinta Abreu
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu The suffering souls in Purgatory Souls of de Souza & Ladeira family members
Wed 30/08/23	7am	Soul of Manuel Cerqueira The suffering souls in Purgatory
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Helen Rose Regan Birthday Int. of Nilda Bodenstedt
Thurs 31/08/23	7am	
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Robert Wagenhauser Birthday Int. of Sofia Catalano
Fri 01/09/23	7am	
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu
Sat 02/09/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Cecilia Loureto Coelho Birthday Int. of Gilbert Correia

ROSTERS- 26 & 27 AUGUST 2023

COUNTING-GROUP 1: Benn Family

CLEANING-GROUP 2: J Balmes & L Otero

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**

48HR ROSARY BOUQUET FOR OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

6pm TUESDAY 5th Sept to 6pm THURSDAY 7th September 2023. All are invited to take part in this Birthday Rosary Bouquet, praying the Rosary anywhere, any time during the 48 hrs. Presentation of the scroll of names will be made at the 12.10 pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on FRIDAY 8th September 2023. All information can be found at www.legionofmarywa.org or by emailing the secretary at comitiumwa.secretary@gmail.com

03 Sep - 10 Sep CHILD PROTECTION WEEK AND SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023

National Child Protection Week 2023 will be from 3 September to 10 September culminating in Safeguarding Sunday. The 2023 theme - *Every child, in every community, needs a fair go* – is complemented this year with “*Where we start matters*”. It is an important opportunity to raise awareness and engage, educate, and empower Australians to understand the complexity of child abuse and neglect, so we can continue to work together to prevent it. The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth invites you all to the Child Protection Week Morning Tea at **St Mary's Cathedral function room Wednesday 6 September**. [Click Here](#) for flyer. **Further info; safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au**

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING CALENDAR 2023

Available dates have been published for August to December 2023. Most sessions are online. Check this link for dates: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>
Next Online session: Wednesday, 31st August 2023, 7-8pm or phone 9221 7762

ABORTION LEGISLATION REFORM BILL 2023

A petition is active if you want to express opposition and amendments to this bill.
Go to www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/LCePetitions.nsf/petitions/23-0023 for more details.

The petitioners express the following:

1. Oppose the Abortion Legislation Reform Bill 2023.
2. Note the Bill fails to include four key provisions recently adopted in our neighbouring State of South Australia.
3. Request that, although we oppose the Bill, if it is passed that the Legislative Council insert those four provisions from the Termination of Pregnancy Act 2021 (SA) which mandate medical care for babies born alive after a failed abortion, a ban on sex-selective abortion, a requirement for women to receive information on counselling services and mandatory considerations to be taken into account prior to any late-term abortion.
4. Appeal for the debate on this Bill, whether inside or outside Parliament, to be respectful so that no person is vilified simply because of their pro-life view that the best interests of a child in the womb warrant as much love and compassion as that of their pregnant mother.

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Nada Protich, Ricardo Francisco & Maria de Ludres De Sousa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes, Peter Scanlan, Lilian Gabriel & Soly Fernandes



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