

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"



22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) – 3 September 2023

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FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; You have overpowered me: You were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about Him, I will not speak in His Name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 62 R. v.2*

**R: My soul is thirsting for You,
O Lord My God**

O God, You are my God, for You I long;
for You my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for You
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on You in the sanctuary
to see Your strength and Your glory.

For Your love is better than life,
my lips will speak Your praise. **R**

So I will bless You all my life,
in Your Name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise You with joy. **R**

For You have been my help;
in the shadow of Your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to You;
Your right hand holds me fast. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship Him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.

Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Eph 1:17.18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus began to make it clear to His disciples that He was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking Him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with Him. 'Heaven preserve You, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and, when He does, He will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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."

Next weekend 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*)

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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

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

Feast of the birthday of the 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 started 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 – Attention New Volunteers! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 6th of September at 6.30pm in the St Lucy Room. An introduction and understanding of the charity work our parish is doing in the community will be provided. **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)

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**

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

DAY WITH MARY RETREAT

This retreat will be held at The Good Shepard Church, 42 Streich Ave, Kelmscott. On Saturday the 9th of September (1pm-6pm). The retreat is free of charge. Refreshments will be provided. For more info contact

Fr Pavol Herda on 949 51204 or email gspk@iinet

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR

PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes,
Peter Scanlan & Lilian Gabriel

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Pulqueria Silva

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 02/09/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lauretta Yon Souls in Purgatory Soul of Maria Lurdes de Sousa Soul of Henrico & Luc Antoine Louis Soul of Alexandre Figaro Soul of Robert Hurringhee Souls of Charles & Teresa Sweeney Souls of Robert & Irene Pereira Soul of Thomas Callaghan (20 th death anniv.)		
Sun 03/09/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Adam Faria Soul Maria Lurdes de Sousa Int. of Ariyah Milo Savjelevic Thanksgiving Mass Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu	10am	Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Aries Abreu Soul of Maria Lurdes de Sousa Soul of Thomas Callaghan (20 th death anniv.) Soul of Jose Manuel Figuiera All Souls in Purgatory Thanksgiving IHO the Virgin Mary for blessings received for Diana Arias Ruiz & family
	6pm	Soul of Antonio Forgione Soul of Grazia Forgione Soul of Maria Lurdes de Sousa		
Mon 04/09/23	7am		9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda & all deceased family members Soul of Felice Morrolla Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu
Tues 05/09/23	7am	Soul of John Cerqueira	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Matilda Dos Santos Souls of the Dos Santos & Grima families Souls in Purgatory Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu
Wed 06/09/23	7am		9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul Da Silva Abreu
Thurs 07/09/23	7am		9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu
Fri 08/09/23	7am	Thanksgiving IHO Our Lady on Her birthday Soul of Natividad Green	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Ante Curavich Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Oswald Brice Phillips
Sat 09/09/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Maria Fatima Garces Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu		

ROSTERS- 9 & 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNTING-GROUP 2: T. Mollica & P. Rotondella

CLEANING-GROUP 3: M. Palmer, L Odegaard & T Fasolo

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023 - The children of our Parish and School Community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, the 16th of September, 6pm Mass and on Sunday, the 17th of September, 10am Mass. Please pray for them, that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit and remain faithful followers of Our Lord Jesus.

ST JEROME'S FEAST DAY

The Feast of our Patron, St Jerome (Doctor of the Church) will be celebrated on Sunday, the 1st of October at the 10am Mass, followed by a community lunch in the parish hall.



Prayer for Father's Day

God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like you are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Next weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023



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THIS WEEKEND we are 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 and 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.

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